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Blair tries to steer party back on course

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

put the Labour party back on course after a week of turmoil by ordering his troops to turn their fire on the Tories and away from each other.

The Labour leader, exasperated by lapses of discipline and the media's concentration on the party's future links with the unions, will use a speech in the City to encourage it to lift its sights beyond the present difficulties to the election battleground.

Yesterday Mr Blair was plunged into a new row when unions and leftwingers rounded on the frontbench spokesman Kim Howells for suggesting that the word "socialism" should lose its place in the party's vocabulary.

The leadership tried to dismiss the furore by saying that Mr Blair regarded it as a "lot of fuss about nothing", but it was again



Tve decided to cut all my union ties"

embarrassed by the spectacle of Labour politicians and union leaders squaring up to each

Tonight Mr Blair will make plain in his speech that his MPs should spend all their energies on promoting Labour policies, particularly those to make people better off, and exposing the

Conservative record. He will announce that he has asked all of the Shadow Cabinet big hitters" - Gordon Brown, Robin Cook, John Prescott, Jack

TONY BLAIR will today try to Straw and David Blunkett - to make heavyweight policy speeches in the run-up to the party

conference in two weeks' time. But he will also show that he is unbowed by last week's clashes with the unions. He will make further overtures to the business community, and his allies emphasise that he believes Labour's relationship with business to be as important as that with the unions.

This was underlined yesterday when it emerged that Labour had received £500,000 from Bob Gavron, who built up Britain's biggest independent printing company. He said Mr Blair was "transforming" the party's rela-tions with industry.

Mr Blair's speech to the London International Financial Futures Exchange will set out what he calls four millennium challenges for Britain and the importance of electing a Labour government to achieve them. But the message behind the address will be that with both the media and the Conservatives treating Labour as a government-in-waiting, everyone in the party must avoid saying or doing things that might prevent the election of a Labour government and its hopes of higher living standards

for all. Because he is trying to refocus his party's vision on what he sees as "the big picture", he is not expected to make direct references to the troubles that have beset the party leadership recently.

But Mr Blair and his aides believe that the significance of the speech has grown considerably in the light of the events of the past few days. Having been forced to deny that he plans to sever Labour's links with the unions. Mr Blair will have found Mr Howells's remarks vesterday.

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Divorcée Kathleen MacPhee, a mother of three who also vanished last week

Church call to missing bishop

THE Roman Catholic Church in Scotland yesterday renewed appeals to its missing bishop, the Right Rev Roderick Wright, 56, to get in touch, amid growing speculation that he may have gone away with a

Churches across his sprawling diocese of Argyll and the Isles held special prayers for the bishop, who vanished from his

home in Oban last Monday and has not

His close friend, Kathleen MacPhee. a mother-of-three and nurse at Belford Hospital in Fort William, went missing on the same day. But some parishioners in Oban yesterday believed he may have gone on retreat to mourn his sister, who died of cancer.



Court orders women to have caesareans

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A HIGH COURT judge has approved caesarean births against the mother's will in two cases which appear to give courts much wider powers to impose surgery without a patient's

Until now, courts' powers to sanction surgery have been limited to where a woman is mentally The episode produced another bout of squabbling, with John Edmonds, leader of the GMB ill or unconscious. In all other cases, judges have held that if a patient understands treatment and is competent to make a decision, he or she has a right to

Rochdale and one in Norfolk who did not want caesareans after doctors said they were at risk of rupturing their wombs, putting their own and their

babies' lives in danger. The rulings have now been cricitised by the barrister Barbara Hewson, who said that judges seemed keen to extend the categories in which non-consensual surpery could be authorised.

Ms Hewson, who is chairwoman of the Association of Women Barristers, intends to raise the cases at a conference on the British Way of Birth next Saturday. She said: "It seems extraorrisk of a caesarean - potentially

fatal surgery." In the case of the Rochdale Healthcare Trust, the woman, known as C. was in labour and refused a caesarean delivery. She had previously suffered painful after-effects from a previous caesarean and insisted on trying normal labour. Lawyers for the hospital decided to go to court when labour was not working and she was at risk of a womb

rupture, through her scar. Bertie Leigh, a partner with Hempsons, the trust's lawyers who have set up a legal hotline to help hospitals in such circumwhether they wished to make an

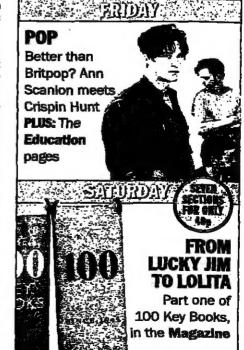
It was wrong, he said, to suggest that doctors and lawyers were pressing for such powers. "Given that, if he had said no. two people might have died, then it seemed to me that I would not have made a decision contrary to that made by the judge." But he agreed that the decision appeared to have pushed the boundaries of such cases in that the woman was clearly regarded as "competent" by the medical staff. The judge, in his ruling, held she was incompetent and unable to weigh up the situation to make an informed

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dinary that judges are assuming they have the power to decide stances, said: "We did not ask for choice. In the second case, a woman was taken into hospithis order: we placed the facts Leading article, and But in July Mr Justice Johnson overruled two women - one in that women can be exposed to the before the court and asked them

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PEOPLE who are allergic to cats are being given the chance to pet and foster a kitten of their own. A new CD-Rom to be released during National Cat Week, introduces virtual reality cats as interactive computer pets.

BY ROBIN YOUNG

household PC, the computer cats are pre-programmed to grow on a daily basis, and are provided with artificial intelligences which give them distinct personalities. Yet they are guaranteed never to soil the living room, tear the curtains or get stock up trees. Catz Your Computer Petz Kept within the confines of the from Mindscape International

costs £14.99 and is a rarity in an interactive CD market dominated by games of violence and mass destruction. Mindscape says it should prove the ideal way of introducing children to good pet

Now pet lovers can stroke the cat sitting on the laptop

The CD-Rom provides computer users with choice from a basket of five kittens. Once adopted by

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clicking the computer mouse, a cat can be named or changed to a stroked, petted and brushed. It will stretch, roll, arch or preen and emit pures of pleasure or yowls of indignation. The cats must also be fed but if overindulged they will grow too fat. If undernourished they become

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By Nicholas Wait

CHIEF IRELAND

SENIOR Irish Police sources

confirmed yesterday that the

IRA was planning to hold a large internal conference next month, intensifying specula-tion that the terrorist leader-

ship is about to embark on a major change in strategy.

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The sources said they had reliable reports that the General Army Convention, the IRA's supreme authority, would meet within weeks, for only the third time in its 27year history. The reports came amid conflicting signals in North-ern Ireland and in the Irish Republic about the IRA's tactics. There has been specula-tion for weeks that the IRA

will renew its ceasefire to allow Sinn Fein to join the multi-party talks. However, recent intelligence reports have indicated that the IRA may be on the verge of a renewed mainland bombing campaign, marking either a "spectacular" attack before a truce or a return to violence. Detectives believe that the IRA is planning to use the cover of a Sinn Fein Irish language conference in Co Donegal for its convention

next month. The last convention in 1986 was held under the cover of a similar conference. However, Lucilita Bhreatnach, Sinn Fein's general secretary, yesterday categorically rejected the suggestion: "It is nonsense to suggest that a public event. which is open at all times to the media, can also be a cover

for something else," she said. It was widely believed that the IRA Army Council, which runs the terrorist organisation, declared the ceaselire in 1994 without calling a convention because it would have failed to have won support for a permanent truce. The apparent decision to call a new convention must mean that the leadership is confident that it has sufficient support for a

major change in strategy. Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, refused yesterday to speculate about a renewed Fein remained committed to its peace strategy. He also dismissed reports of an impending IRA convention.

Unionist and Conservative

MPs reacted furiously yesterday after Gerry Adams was reportedly invited to speak about his new autobiography at a press conference at the Palace of Westminster this Mr Adams's publisher,

MP, is planning to chair a press conference in the Jubilee Room at Westminster for Mr



to speculate

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Labour plans to divert child benefit to poor pupils

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR, Gordon Brown and David Blunkett are to hold urgent talks this week to settle Labour's plans to scrap child benefit for 16 to 8-year-olds and use the money instead to help poorer children staying on at school.

After a long-running dispute, the meeting is expected to decide that new educational allowances of up to £20 a week - much higher than the current rate of child benefit should be paid to parents in poorer families in order to help with food

The issue is one of the most sensitive facing the Labour leadership, and the plan to end child benefit for all older children at school faces challenge, and possibly defeat, at the annual party conference in two

Its importance is underlined by Mr Blair's decision to hold a meeting this week to finalise the plan with his Shadow Chancellor and Shadow Education Secretary before it is published in a preconference document, probably next week. Mr Brown has argued consistently that the party must face up to

tough choices and has won backing from some on the Left for his proposed reform, one of Labour's few specific proposals that would redistribute resources from the

wealthy to the poor. Scrapping the benefit should realise about £600 million which would be reallocated to the children of less wealthy families. Mr Brown has stressed that in ending benefit for all school-leavers, he is not breaching the principle of a universal benefit. which applies for children under school-leaving age. Mothers of children who have left school do not receive child benefit, even though

Some shadow cabinet members argued originally that because 16 vear olds are treated as adults if they leave school, those in education should be treated similarly and get the money direct. But Mr Brown is understood to have won the argument that the parents should get the money along with the discretion as to how it is spent. Such a plan would avoid the charge that children are being give state "pocket money" to

The aim of Mr Brown's reforms

unemployed youngsters under 18 has been to encourage children in have no automatic right to income poorer homes, on whom there is tremendous presssure to go out to work, to stay on at school if they and

> The Tories are eagerly awaiting Labour's plans to calculate how many families are likely to lose child benefit, currently running at £10.80 a week, if the education allowances are set at a ligure of up to £20 a week for those in poorer families.

But Conservative policy-makers are also looking at the future of child benefit. Under ideas being considered for inclusion in the election manifesto, parents of persistent

benefit cut as part of a shake-up of the £90 billion social security system. Ministers are increasingly concerned at the scale of truancy their parents so desire.

and bad behaviour in schools, and surveys have revealed record numbers of children being expelled from primary schools. Tory policy strategists are to discuss the ideas with Gillian

Shephard, the Education Secretary. and Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary. They are studying the sanctions used in France where benefit can be cut if children miss school persisently.

Howells defiant over dropping 'socialist' label

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR KIM HOWELLS, the Labour frontbencher, issued a withering put-down to a trade union leader yesterday who told him to apologise for having sug-gested the party should ditch

the word "socialism". The spokesman on trade and industry referred to John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, as "old rent-a-quote" and refused to draw back from his remarks on socialism, in yesterday's Sunday Times, in the face of widespread criticism from MPs and other Labour figures. They felt that he was fuelling the impression that Tony Blair has a hidden

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political agenda. The term socialism should be "numanely phased out", Mr Howells had written. "I am interested only in convincing the electorate that Labour is seeking contemporary sol-utions to problems. If that means dropping the epithet 'socialist' so be it.'

He added: "We have broken the habit of feeling guilty each time we open our mouths without first genuflecting to socialist shrines. We are campaigning to win the next election because we believe that we can make this country a better place.

We have no need to diminish that ambition by searching for some ideological holy grail with which to embellish it."

That prompted Mr Edmonds to declare: "The best thing Kim Howells could do is to keep his mouth shut, stop the childish kite-flying and concentrate on winning the

Mr Howells's words would have attracted less attention had not Mr Blair already been embroiled in a row about his long-term intentions for Labour. Asked if he was going to

apologise for his remarks. Mr Howells told BBC1's Breakfast with Frost: "Certainly not, John Edmonds ... well, talk about pot calling the kettle black he's got a view on

everything."

He added: "We need to explain to people that we have a pragmatic approach to how best to run this country and that attaching tags to our-selves, calling ourselves socialists or laissez-faire capitalists. does no good in that respect. We must apply contemporary solutions to the problems that

face us."
"I think what we mean by socialist — and many people in the Labour Party refer to themselves as socialists — is

Pay deal blow for unions

THE trade unions, reeling from reports suggesting that Tony Blair wants to cut them adrift, will suffer another blow this week when Kenneth Clarke confirms that the public sector pay bill is to be frozen for the fourth year in succession. The announcement. which means five million public sector workers receiving pay rises only if they are found from savings in department budgets, is likely to herald a clash between the Gov-ernment and some unions.

The Chancellor's announcement, which will come in his evidence to the public sector pay review bodies, signals his desire to trim up to £5 billion from existing spending plans to pave the way for tax cuts in the pre-election Budget in

... lots of things which are common to decent Christianity, humanism, trying to treat your neighbour as you treat yourself, looking for justice, airness and so on."

Mr Howells's audacious treatment of Mr Edmonds was typical of a man who has rarely buttoned his lip for anyone. Mr Howells, 49, a grammar school boy from the South Wales valleys, entered the public eye during the 1984-85 miners' strike when he was South Wales research officer for the National Union of Mineworkers.

He held Arthur Scargill, the NUM President, in contempt for his handling of the strike and made no secret of it. His candour during his short career on the Labour frontbench has already caused him trouble, first with remarks criticising the party's constitutional reforms then with a tribute to market competition.

Tony Banks, another leftwinger, told GMTV: "The trouble is that we are getting to the position in the Labour Party where front-bench spokesmen are saying things which are not then denied by the leadership of the Labour Party. But someone like Clare Short can say something and it is immediately jumped on. So you are left wondering whether this is all part of a softening up process."

The Labour leadership took a relaxed line on Mr Howells yesterday. After all, only two weeks ago Mr Blair called himself a social democrat. But the Labour leader has been careful not to banish the word "socialism" and has taken to interchanging the creeds of social democracy and democratic socialism.

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Norma sets fashion record straight

By CAROL MIDGLEY

NORMA MAJOR confided to the nation yesterday what had irritated her most about the inaccurate press coverage since her husband became Prime Minister. Her white boots that had first entranced John more than 25 years ago were leather - not plastic as the newspapers had said.

They cost me an arm and a leg," Mrs Major complained to Sir David Frost, during an interview with screened on BBCl yesterday. From her whicker easy-chair in the conservatory of the Majors' home in Cambridgeshire, Mrs Major, 54, rejected claims that she was emerging as her husband's secret weapon in

the pre-election skirmishing. Dressed in a pale pink suit. she cut a relaxed, confident figure, very different from the shy, housewife who stood with her husband outside No 10 Downing Street six years ago. She confessed that, looking back, she wished she had not worn a rather frumpish blue suit that day. "I had two blue suits in the wardrobe, and I'd worn the first one and was going to wear the second one on the second day. John didn't like the other one, so I wore the same one two days running. So I got ham-mered for wearing the same thing two days running; and the suit was perceived to be a

: disaster as well." During Norma Major: Be-hind Closed Doors, Mrs Major called for the activities of intrusive photographers to be curbed. She spoke of her anger when her family were photographed with telephoto lenses this year aboard a yacht in the south of France.
I think anybody is entitled to an element of privacy. I don't

That suit Mr Major

think the public has a right to know everything and be everywhere," she said.

Tory image-makers regard Mrs Major, who has been on the campaign trail with her

Continued from page I fellow MPs turning on him.

The former minister Gerald

Kaufman voiced the feelings

in the Blair camp when he warned that anything said by

a Labour spokesman that

could be exploited or misinter-

preted would be used for that

Robert Dole, who walked on to the floor of the recent party convention, proclaiming how much she loved her husband, Mrs Major insisted: "I can't think of anything that would make me want to do that, however much I might love

preferred it, she said

husband in the past formight,

Blair warns MPs

She denied she was taking a a more prominent part in her husband's political life, adding: "Perhaps the difference is that maybe what I'm doing is being noticed now, but I don't think I'm about to start doing anything that I haven't been doing for the last five years,"

In his speech tonight he will

say that the four big chal-

lenges for the millennium are

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and want to capitalise on her down-to-earth approach.

They believe the voters will identify with her more than

with Tony Blair's wife Cherie

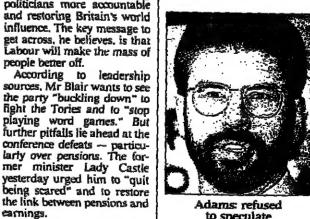
Booth, a QC. But, asked whether she

would ever be tempted to

copy the wife of US Republi-

can presidential candidate

Heinemann, says that Jeremy Corbyn, the left-wing Labour Adams. The press conference will coincide with the publication of Mr Adams's autobiography, entitled Before the



Caesarean rulings

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accident. She was not suffering from any mental disorder and felt able to instruct a solicitor. The judge ruled, however, she was not able to balance information in order to make a choice.

The two decisions are likely to spark renewed controversy over the right of patients to refuse treatment and the circumstances in which it may be overriden by courts in the interest of safeguarding life.

Ms Hewson said that Mr Justice Johnson had effectively redefined when a woman was competent to take decisions over her treatment, and had ruled that a woman in labour was not. That meant women would not feel able to

Previous decisions have involved Jehovah's witnesses, where the court held in 1991 that as a general principle, they could not be compelled to have treatment, although the court left open the possibility of exceptional circumstances in such cases. In 1993, the President of the

Family Division, Sir Stephen Brown, was widely criticised when he sanctioned an operation on a woman whose baby was lodged transversely across her pelvis. She refused consent, believing that "God would provide".

Mr Leigh said that the latest figures showed that between 1991 and 1993 no patient had died after refusing to undergo a caesarean section.

Prince promises Queen he and Camilla will be discreet

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Prince of Wales has promised the Queen that he will keep his friendship with Camilla Parker-Bowles out of the public timelight. She will not accompany him on any official or semi-official engagements or to any public functions in connection with his

role as heir to the throne. Nor will Mrs Parker-Bowles be included in traditional Royal Family gatherings such as at Christmas and the new year. A friend of the Prince said: "Of course the friendship will stay discreet. It would be inconceivable for the would never occur to him for Camilla to accompany him on But the Prince will continue

his friendship with Mrs Parker-Bowles in private, and they acknowledge that they might be spotted together. The only public profile to be sought by Mrs Parker-Bowles in coming months is likely to be in connection with her work for the National Osteoporosis Society. She has worked for the charity for some time, being involved in particularly, in fund-raising in the West Country. Her mother, who died last year, suffered

The Queen and John Major met at Balmoral at the weekend but it was not thought they discussed the Prince's relationship in detail. Mr Major's view is that the Royal Family should enjoy a period of calm after the turmoil of two royal divorces and that a line should now be drawn under recent events. He warned the Prince last Christmas that he could not expect to regularise his relationship with Mrs Parker-Bowles for some years without provoking a constitu-tional crisis. But Mr Major is being kept informed about the possible long-term reforms being discussed by senior members of the Royal Family.

purpose. "The only things we should say in public and private are those things which have the greatest possible chance of making Tony Blair prime minister." he said. Mr Blair believes that Labour has become a victim of its own success and in an article

yesterday, he said that the Tories were shutting down government, stoking up the economy and scaring people about Labour by "making us the incumbents".

sources, Mr Blair wants to see the party "buckling down" to fight the Tories and to "stop

playing word games." But further pitfalls lie ahead at the conference defeats - particularly over pensions. The for-mer minister Lady Castle yesterday urged him to "quit being scared" and to restore the link between pensions and

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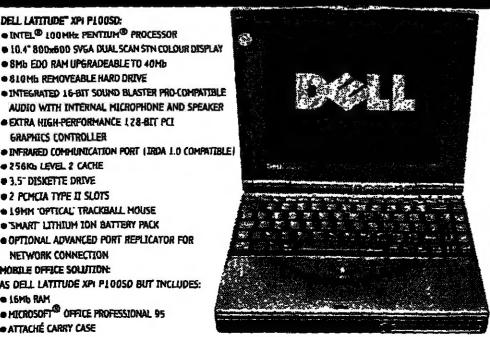
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Emergency meeting held as whereabouts of clergyman and nurse remain a mystery

Church hopes to avert crisis over missing bishop

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

LEADERS of the Roman Roddy Macdonald, the bish-Catholic Church were expectop's deputy, said: "We are extremely concerned, We are ed to hold an emergency meeting with priests in Oban aware of certain rumours today as the disappearance of their bishop, the Rt Rev Roderconcerning his disappearance but feel unable to offer any ick Wright, threatened to turn comment in the absence of any real information. We ask all into a crisis. Renewed appeals for Bishop parishioners to keep the bish-Wright to make contact had

op in their prayers."

The bishop and Mrs MacPhee have met regularly since he counselled her after failed last night. His close friend Kathleen MacPhee, 40, a nurse at Belford Hospital in Fort William, has also not her divorce a number of years been seen since last Monday. ago. Whispers about their The Church refused to rule out increasingly intimate relationspeculation that the pair may ship were common currency in Fort William, where it was be together. Churches across the sprawlrumoured the pair had taken

ing parish of Argyll and the holidays together. Isles held special prayers for the bishop yesterday and the service at St Columba's Cathe-But Frances Shand Kydd. mother of Diana, Princess of Walesw, a friend and parishdral in Oban took the theme of ioner of the bishop, brushed forgiveness. aside the rumours and spoke He had tried to contact of a "huge tide of compassion-ate concern" for him. After Cardinal Thomas Winning. mass yesterday, she said Bish-op Wright had been very distressed recently by the death of his sister and that she the head of the Catholic Church in Scotland, last Monday, but was unsuccessful. Since then he has failed to

keep appointments. It is was sure that if Mrs MacPhee thought he may have gone to was with him there would be an innocent explanation. In Oban, a picturesque "I will not be surprised if this is nothing more than one tourist resort on the west coast of Scotland, Bishop Wright's close friend comforting

parishioners were anxiously another," she said. awaiting news with many Rev Roddy Johnston, deaclinging to the hope he may con at the Cathedral, said: have gone on retreat to mourn "We have heard the rumours his sister who died of cancer and don't know what foundaearlier this year. Vicar General tion they have. We just want

him to get in touch. There is concern, not just because he is the bishop and leader of the Christian community here, but because he is a friend and brother priest and a lot of people care for him.

The emergency meeting was being held to discuss whether to put in a carctaker bishop until Bishop Wright turned up. Keith O'Brien, the Archbishop of Edinburgh and St Andrews, which takes in Argyll and the Isles was said to

Bishop Wright's close asso-ciates said his long silence was "unusəl "

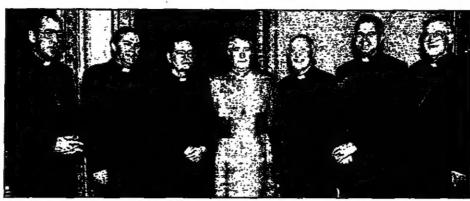
Mrs MacPhee, said to be a devout Catholic, disappeared after arranging for her exhusband, William, to look after their youngest daughter Julie Anne, 15. She has two other children, Stephen, 24 and Donald, 18.

Yesterday Mr MacPhee, a building contractor in Fort William, was not available. Neighbours at her semi-detached home near Fort William said they had known of her friendship with the bishop for some time. It is thought they became friends when he was an assistant priest at the town church before becoming a bishop, in December 1990. Father Tom Connelly, a Church spokesman, said last

night: "This situation cannot



Kathleen MacPhee was counselled after her divorce by Bishop Wright, seen below left at the Vatican with Cardinal Winning and other Scottish bishops



'What a waste of dream man' By SHIRLEY ENGLISH birthday. His first post was as

Women said,

IN HAPPIER times the Rt Rev Roderick Wright was affec-Starsky" because of his resem-blance to Paul Michael Glaser from the 1970s television series Starsky and Hutch.

Even in his late 40s and early 50s, his seemingly time-less good looks meant the 6 fitall, silver-haired cleric managed to set pulses racing among women in his congregation at Corpach and Fort William where he was parish priest from 1987 until 1991. One woman parishioner admitted: "He was every woman's dream. We used to say, 'What a waste of a man'.'

A keen sea fisherman, walker and unreconstructed chainsmoker, Bishop Wright, 56, is widely considered an affable and honorable man, who found it easy to win loyal friends. He advised Frances Shand Kydd, the mother of Diana, Princess of Wales, when she converted to Catholicism in 1994. Yesterday she said: "I know him to be ensitive, compassionate and caring and a tremendously good pastor. He has been a kind and good friend."

Bishop Wright lived alone in a house beside St Columba's Catholic Cathedral in Oban. He is known to have liberal views on celibacy in the priesthood, being one of three Scottish bishops who in 1992 supported calls for a review in the Catholic Church which

would allow priests to marry. Born in Glasgow and brought up in a three-room city flat in Kinning Park, Bishop Wright was the son of an Eriskay seaman and a South Uist woman. One sister died earlier this year and her loss, 18 months after his mother died, caused him a

great deal of heartache. His education took him from St Gerrard's School in Glasgow, to St Mary's College at Blair's in Aberdeen, and finally to St Peter's College, Cardross, Lanarkshire, where he studied philosophy and into the archdiocese of Glas-

assistant priest to St Lawrence's Church in Drumchapel. He moved to an assistant's post at St Jude's in Barlanark where he served until 1969, before being appointed spiritual director and procurator at his old college until 1974.

His family had always spo-ken Gaelic at home and in 1974 he requested a transfer from the Glasgow diocese to Argyll and the Isles where his fluency in the language could be put to better use.

He was appointed assistant priest in Dunoon until 1976

Wright's call for married priests

In 1992 Bishop Wright joined two other Scottish Bishops in calling for a relaxation of the rules on compulsory celibacy for priests. In direct conflict with the Pope, who said the issue was not for discussion, Bishop Wright predicted that the rule would be relieved to the conflict of the c be relaxed as the church struggled to attract new priests. It is something that is being questioned. But I don't see any conflict of faith if married men were ordained," he said.

followed by a similar post in Fort William until 1980. Father Wright then moved to the Western Isles where he was highly regarded as a charismatic preacher. He was parish priest at St Michael's, Ardkenneth, in his mother's former home island of South Uist, from 1980 to 1987.

In 1992 when the Catholic church was rocked by the scandal of Eamonn Casey, the Bishop of Galway, who fathered a child, Bishop Wright predicted there would be more flexibility on celibacy. "It is something that is being questioned. But I do not see any conflict in terms of married men were ordained,"

Pressure grows on Pope to soften celibacy rule

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE disappearance of Bishop Wright and the speculation regarding his reasons will increase the pressure on the Vatican to soften the Roman Catholic Church's obdurate line on priestly celibacy.

There are an estimated 1,000 men

in Britain who have left the Catholic priesthood to get married. In the time of Pope Paul VI, most went through the process of "laicisation", lose any more of its diminishing married former Anglicans to the and family life is closed to them by

active ministry with the agreement of the Church. These remain priests in law although they are not allowed to practise their ministry except under conditions of duress, such as to provide the last rites when none other is available

However, under the present Pope, laicisation has become "extremely difficult", in the words of one former priest. A process that used to take a few months can now take six years

process in the hope that many might change their mind and return to the celibate ministry willingly.

Adding to the pressure has been the acceptance into the Catholic Church of dozens of former Anglican clergy, many of whom are married. but who have left the Church of England after the General Synod's decision to allow women to be ordained priests. In a few weeks, Cardinal Basil Huzne, the Archbish-

While officially the Anglicans have been welcomed into the Catholic Church and the Pope has provided special permission for their ordinations to take place, rumblings of discontent can be heard lower down the hierarchy.

At its recent meeting, the National Conference of Priests reaffirmed a statement welcoming the married Anglicans. But on an individual level, many Catholic, priests are distressed that the path of marriage while married Anglicans with child-ren are being admitted, many of them working in parishes.

of the Latin church only since the 11th century, although it was a strong tradition from the days of the early church. Until the 11th century, there were many married priests and bishops. Celibacy was introduced as a requirement partly because of the New Testament principle that this was the best path to perfection prevent priests from passing church

Hume deplores 'fantasies' created by society's obsession with sex By MICHAEL HORSNELL

CARDINAL Hume yesterday attacked society's "endless obsession" with sex and called for a change in a culture which equates physical relations with love.

In a speech welcomed by other denominations, the Roman Catholic leader said sexual obsessions had led to "unreal fantasies" and false expectations of what was required for human happiness. Addressing the Catholic Advisory Council, now known Marriage Care, in

Manchester on its fiftieth anniversary, the Archbishop of Westminster also called on the Government for more support for marriage and the family. While over £200 million was spent through the legal aid budget on family lingation. less than £4 million of taxpayers' money went on marriage support — a "ludicrous imbalance". He said children's

views of the world were formed early on and a good marriage would fashion a child's own attitude to it, while a bad one could lead to disillusionment not just with marriage but the whole world.

"No society can afford to neglect the health of the family," he said. "The nurturing of children is the most primitive and profound human endeavour, and we are very far from giving due recognition and support to parents who stay at home to do this." Parents who wished to look after their children at home needed better help from employment, housing and the tax and

benefit system, he added. In his first major address on sex since the controversy over the Government's divorce law reforms. Cardinal Hume said that sexual freedom of choice had been idolised to the exclusion of all other values. This



Hume: urged more support for families

had led to people regarding sexual relationships confined within marriage as an unobtainable commitment. Sex should be seen as a gift from God. fundamentally good yet open to abuse, and treated with "reverence and respect, protection and self-discipline". Cardinal Hume admitted his diffidence as a celibate to

However, he was still human and received the confidences of other people. "If, as seems prevalent today, it is taken for granted that there he no connection at all between the unitive and procreative, then the true significance of the full expression of human love is radically distorted," he said. Cardinal Hume admitted Catholic teachings presented

humanity with very high ideals, but said the Church was only pointing to what it was to be human, and what humans needed for fulfilment. The Archbishop's address

was welcomed by the Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility, chaired by the Bishop of Oxford. The Rev Richard Thomas, the bishop's spokesman, said: "Society has taken the celebration of sex out of its context of the whole human person and turned sex into an object of its own right. That inevitably distorts it."

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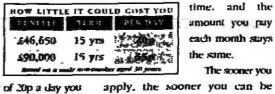
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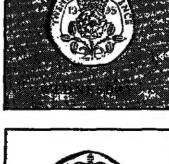
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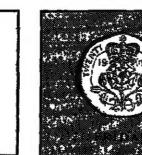


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Hotels ban the riffraff who 'put diners off their food'

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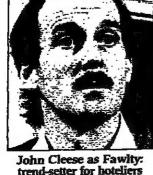
BASIL FAWLTY would have been delighted. The man who launched gourmet evenings at Fawlty Towers with an advert proclaiming "No riffraff" was ahead of his time.

A survey has revealed that hoteliers at middle-range estblishments are reintroducing dress codes, following complaints from a growing number of guests that their enjoyment of meals was being spoiled by scruffy and un-kempt fellow diners.

The swing back to a more conservative style is most marked among three-star hotels, according to the study by the British Hospitality Association and the magazine Caler-er and Hotelkeeper. Tattoos and unconventional haircuts are now banned from nearly half the three-star hotels ques-

tioned in the survey.

Jeremy Logie, chief executive of the BHA, said: "There is a reaction against sloppiness. No one is suggesting that



everyone is forced to wear jacket and tie at all times, but people wearing football shirts or T-shirts does detract from the pleasure some may get from dining out."

Over one third of the 500 hotels which took part in the survey had a dress code. Holiday resort hotels in particularly have ackowledged that many guests are keen to dress up for dinner.

Joan Reen, proprietor of

Ynyshir Country House Hotel. Eglwysfach Pwys, has refused guests who do not meet her standards of appearance. "We have turned people away because they look scruffy and they were extremely angry. But our other cusomers were supportive."
In general, five-star hotels

were less concerned that the cheaper hotels about their guests wearing a jacket and tie for dinner. Only six per cent of five-star hotels questioned said they operated the policy, compared with 19 per cent of four stars, 44 per cent of three stars and 19 per cent of two star properties.

Some worried that they would lose free spending customers if they enforced a dress code. One hotelier asked: "Should I refuse Richard Branson?" one said.

Mr Branson himself said: Two of my hotels are among the most exclusive in the world but there certainly is no dress code. People go there to relax. The most important thing is to

Teenagers killed in car crash BY JOEL WOLCHOVER

FOUR teenagers died when their car went out of control in a Dorset village where building work is due to start soon on a bypass following a spate

The youths aged between 17 and 19, were believed to have been passing through the vil-lage of Puddletown, near Dorchester, on their way home early yesterday morning when their car overshot a T-junction and crashed into a garden Firemen had to cut the

of similar accidents.

bodies of the youths from the wreckage. Families of the dead, all from Dorset, have been informed. Police were last night waiting until the victims had been formally identified before releasing further details. Funding has already been secured for a bypass to take traffic away from Puddletown.

saying roadworks are due to

and signs have been erected

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Phone watchdogs plan punchline for cruel joke calls

IT IS the latest practical joke sweeping the workplace Vicextension to find themselves being insulted, ordered to support illegitimate children by the social services or called up to light in Bosnia.

The voice turns out to be a recorded message from a. premium-rate phone service. Now watchdogs say the joke has gone too far. They are targeting the joke lines after a huge number of complaints.

The prank works by leaving a message for the victim to call a number or by transferring a call to their extension. Voiceactivated computers give the illusion that the caller is having a conversation with a

Office workers use them to embarrass colleagues and employers. Many find the "humour cruel and frightening. The calls can cost 49p a

A fine of £3,402 - the highest against a joke line has been imposed by the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Services, the watchdog for premium-rate services. It had received 25 complaints against Progressive Telelink of Bristol, including breaking rules on pricing, failing to state that the service was for entertainment only. and having unreasonable

nia the following week, with an order to be in Aldershot by the morning for bayonet practice. A woman who advertises a menu of jokes on an information line says: This joke is particularly good if your friend has any association

with the military." Another involved a bailiff claiming to be on the way to the victim's home to seize goods because of unpaid poll tax, but suggesting he will go away if bribed. There is a ratcatcher who says he has mistakenly smashed up the victim's home after getting the wrong address.

'Mr insult' makes a series of increasingly insulting com-ments. "No — You Called Me" involved a madman who had escaped from an asylum. A 'misdial" service lets the caller believe he is accidentally overhearing two Scotland Yard police officers planning to "fit up" a bishop.

There has also been a bogus pools win and a call from "a solicitor in Australia" keen to talk because a distant relative had left the victim £1,533,000.

The most hilarious, particularly for married men. is You're a Father — Now Let's Talk About Maintenance'," says the information line. The victim is told that a social services agency wanted him to pay for triplets he fathered two years earlier. "At the end, when your friend is complete-Among its jokes was a ly freaked out, social services bogus call-up to fight in Bos-discloses the children are Chi-

Women tough it out for Pole trek

By JENNAI COX

AFTER a breathless week end on Dartmoor the allwomen team who will trek by relays to the North Pole next year were named yesterday.

nese. Unless the friend is

In another, a female voice is

triggered by the victim saying hello. A woman then implies

that her husband is jealous of

their relationship and ends by saying that the photographs

are in the post and asking when he will pay for the underwear. Then there is the

sound of an ass braying and

the message: "You have been

set up."

Joke lines have to obey the laws which apply to all telephone calls. Trading stan-

dards officers can prosecute if

they are fraudulent and the

police can investigate if they

are obscene. The supervisory body, which has had 143

complaints about the lines this

year, provides a safety net by

applying a code of practice which includes harm to child-

ren and racism. It has powers

to confiscate the entire profits

independent auditors.

A mother and daught and a great niece of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother are among the 20 chosen from an original 60 hopefuls to make the 1,000-kilometre journey from north Canada in eight teams of two. In the second of two route

marches on the moors, the vomen had to show team spirit as well as individual enterprise and endurance to secure a place. Midnight abseiling, swimming with abseiling, swimming with 30th rucksacks across a freezing moorland lake and running a timed I's miles after a simulated search and rescue at 2am were a few of the tasks to complete without

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Pen Hadow, of the Polar Travel Company, which is helping to organise the expe-dition, said the women who this year and decided I want-



Victoria and Sue Riches, the daughter and mother chosen for the all-women relay trek to the North Pole

ong the strongest, most courageous I have ever met". Sue and Victoria Riches are hoping to be paired for one of the polar relay legs. Mrs Riches said: "I was 50 daughter said she was going to have a go and asked why didn't I try as well. Victoria, who led a singing chorus to maintain morale through the weekend, added: "It is brilliant to be going with my mother. We will make a great team." Rosie Clayton, 34, a Queen Mother's great niece, said the Pole was "just the

The chosen women will now begin training. Each will be asked to maintain their

before the expedition, led by Caroline Hamilton, 32, a London-based film financier, starts next March.

Only two women, one American and one Japanese, have reached the Pole, but they were part of larger men's expeditions.

'I was confused and frightened'

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

WENDY LAW, 60, picked up a note put through her door asking her to telephone a number urgently.

"I didn't recognise the num-ber. The call was full of abuse. He said, 'It's about time you so-and-so phoned'. The frightening bit was he said, 'Where's that cheque?" I was.confused. ! thought I didn't owe any money. I couldn't understand what this cheque was," the retired telephone switchboardoperator from Penge said.

"It's supposed to be a computer-operated voice, so the more you talk the more it goes on. I kept saying, "Who are you?" He said. 'Don't interrupt me. Don't you talk to me when I am talking to you.' I was getting a bit unnerved about it o I put the phone down. I called the police and said I had been frightened by an offensive call. They didn't want to know. They said it was one of these wind-up things."

Another woman was so upset when she dialled a Mr Arigry-type service that she called police and told them to arrest the man for being rude on the telephone. The officers explained that they were poweriess to intervene because the culprit was a voice-activated



Law: abusive "caller demanded a cheque

computer using a tape recording of an actor.

A third woman collapsed when she dialled a "car crash" line, where a driver speaking on his mobile phone begins screaming that he is about to collide, followed by a loud bang. One caller telephoned 999 to report an accident after falling for the same trick.

The Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Services is considering introducing a new rule into its code of practice next year to insist the practical joke services contain a message at the beginning stating they are for entertain-

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Conscription boy faces £11,000 bill

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THE Foreign Office is seeking to confirm Iranian claims that a British schoolboy conscripted while on holiday in Tehran was the victim of a misunderstanding. But the family of Reza Afshar, 17, fear they might have to pay E11,000 to buy him out of two

years' national service. Reza, from Marlow, Buckinghamshire, who was born in Britain and has dual nationality, was stopped as he was about to board a plane home last month while travelling on an Iranian passport. They claimed new regulations qualified him for army serv-ice. His mother and sister had to fly home while he stayed with relatives in Tehran.

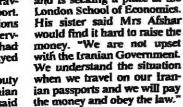
Mohammad Safaei, deputy head of mission at the Iranian Embassy in London, said

there might have been confuunder 18 had to do military service, he said. "Even someone over 18 does not have to do the service if they are studying and anyone can pay

money to get out of doing it."

A Foreign Office spokes man said last night "We are aware of what the Iranian Embassy has said and we are seeking to confirm that with the authorities in Tehran."

Reza is taking 4 A levels and is seeking a place at the London School of Economics. "We are not upset with the Iranian Government.





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Preliminary tests have shown traces of gold in streams and a Dublin-based company is ready to spend at least £1 million on more

detailed surveys. A spokesman for Minmet said: "The case for looking down here in Devon is pretty overwhelming."

The gold is thought to lie in the socalled Crediton Trough, an area with geological similarities to goldrich parts of Australia and South Africa. The Devon seam, if work goes ahead. might yield big profits and create up to 300 jobs in an area of high unemployment.

There is concern in Crediton. "Our local industry is cream teas, not prospecting for gold," one trader said yesterday. Gillian Ponsford,

the Mayor, said: "We are cautious at the moment and concerned about ried out the original survey, said damage to the environment. We live in such a beautiful area that we would not want to do anything to

Paul Edwards, the Green Party's prospective parliamentary candidate for Exeter, said: "The problem with any mining operation is that it can be devastating to the environ-ment. I would like to know how they plan to contain that damage. Personally, I do not think that is

Richard Scrivener, of the British

that bedrock sampling at the Crediton Trough revealed substantial traces of arsenic and antimony "pathfinder elements" normally

found where gold was present too. "As yet we have no idea how rich the seam may be but samples so far have yielded reasonably high-grade deposits. Much more work will have to be done before we know if this is an enormous mother lode or just enough to make half a dozen wedding rings," he added.

"Gold has been found in Devon

We have no real idea about its quality though, because in those days they used to take it themselves

as a perk in a low-paid job." Jeremy Metcalfe, chairman of the newly established Crediton Minerals, a Minmet subsidiary, said that any mine shaft sunk in the future would be barely noticeable. He added: "As a Devon man myself, I am very sensitive about the environment. I fully understand why people are concerned but I want to assure them that there is no need to worry should the county council grant

"We will undertake an environmental impact study, which covers everything from sound and dust to

noise, water and transport." Mr Metcalfe is not without allies in Crediton. Jeremy Lee, chairman of the chamber of commerce, said: This is very welcome because small towns like Crediton are having a very hard time at the moment. The benefits would be in employment and in spin-offs with such a large project near by. A vast amount of businesses would gain from any gold rush."

Moors body is to be reburied

The body of the Moors murder victim Lesley Ann Downey is to be exhumed and reburied after attacks on her grave. The family of the girl, killed by Myra Hindley and lan Brady, have begun proceedings to have the body moved to a secret place.

They are writing to the Bishop of Manchester seek-ing his permission. The Church said it would not stand in the way of the request from Ann. 67. Miss West's mother. Mrs West, who suffered a breakdown after the attack on the grave in Manchester, said the only way to avoid further vandalism was to move the body.

Railway deal

Workers with North West Regional Railways and Regional Railways North East have called off a planned strike after reaching agreement on working hours. The union RMT is still in dispute with 13 other regional railway companies.

War hero dies

Wing Commander Clive Beadon, whose valour as a homber pilot during the Burma Campaign against Japan won him the DFC, died on Saturday at the age of 77. After leaving the RAF in 1966 he became an authority on dowsing. Obituary, page 23

Patient found

A dangerous patient who absconded from a secure unit at a psychiatric hospital near Royston, Hertfordshire, was found nearly 400 miles away in the Strathclyde area. Daniel Reynolds, 29, absconded on Thursday from Kneesworth House.

Big picture show

Wider choice offered by giant multiplex cinemas has meant that 12 per cent of adults go to see a film each month, said the market analysts Mintel. Total spending this year is likely to be £612 million, a quarter going on merchandise such as popcorn.

Road arrests

Police made 36 arrests after a street "protest party" on a main road into Cambridge turned violent. About 400 anti-road protesters had earlinight fell police came under attack from people throwing

Wind of change

Bridlington is planning to build seven wind turbines on

Cows shot on Al

Computer hitch halts profiles of criminals

By Stewart Tendler, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A £30 million Home Office project to create a detailed database of convictions and intelligence on every criminal in Britain has been crippled because millions of records cannot be put on to the computer. The system, named Phoenix, went live last year but only a tenth of the records is in the database. Police are still sending away by post for copies of another three million

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Phoenix has been hailed as a breakthrough in reducing bureaucracy and speeding investigations but its difficulties are the latest in a series of disasters which have overtaken attempts to hitch policing to high technology. Last week The Times reported that the Home Office had admitted that the national DNA database had a huge backlog of samples waiting to be

processed. The heart of the Phoenix problem is the "back record conversion of material on paper and microfiche into computer data. A senior police source said that some records came out as "gobbledegook" and others needed to be adjusted before they could be read. Another 300,000 records have been successfully processed into the computer but a police source said that they may not be sufficiently

An ES.6 million contract with the PCL computing company to prepare the three million records for loading on the computer was terminated last month by mutual agreement. Many of the records have been converted and most of the cost had been met. The company is still working on a section of the Phoenix project.

Home Office officials are blaming the disaster on technical difficulties, complex equipment and the nature of the records, but there has already been dispute over the project. Last year there were questions in the Commons about the progress being made by PCL and criticisms of the amount of training police

would get to use the system. Phoenix was designed to give police officers a full

record of convictions and de-

tails such as modus operandi, associates and distinguishing marks. It combined the national criminal records collection and data on a special form used by individual forces when a suspect was charged.

At the touch of a button officers sitting in a station or squad office could call up a list of suspects, analyse a crime against the records or look at geographic patterns. Police could also enter records into the system themselves. When Phoenix was launched in May last year Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, told the police that Phoenix was "perhaps the most significant service introduced during the past 20 years".

Eventually Phoenix will become part of a single national criminal justice computer network serving not only the police but the courts, the Prison Service and the Probation Service. It is also intended to provide the basis of the criminal records agency announced this summer which will vet prospective employees

on behalf of employers. A senior detective said: "It's not the all-singing, all-dancing system we would have hoped for. I think it is retrievable but it is disappointing." A chief constable said that there was too much pressure by police and officials to start using the systems before making sure that everything was working

Maria Wallis, Assistant Chief Constable of Sussex and one of the officers overseeing the project, confirmed that there were problems and that Phoenix would not be able to give the range of analysis and records police had hoped to get. She said: "It is an analytical tool but it does not provide me with the mechanics to search for methods or a geo-

graphical area." The Home Office blamed "the complex technology " for the problems with Phoenix and said that the records successfully placed on the computer covered offenders who had been convicted since 1981, and were full records. Only those convicted before 1981 would remain outside the



Stephen Fry in tail coat and wig for the new film: "I've been researching Wilde all my life. I've been passionate about him since I was II"

Secret life of Wilde as ideal husband

BY DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST a century after his death, a new film is remembering Oscar Wilde in the way he wanted: "Something more than a man with a tragic vice in his life. There is so much more in me, and I always was a good father to both my children."

The makers of Wilde intend to balance his homosexuality. for which he was imprisoned. with his tender love for his wife. Constance, and two sons. in east London of the soirée at which he met his bride, played by Jennifer Ehle, best known capturing the heart of Darcy as Lizzy Bennett in television's

Pride and Prejudice. The producers, brothers Marc and Peter Samuelson. said they feit that the Victorian writer's scandalous affair with Lord Alfred "Bosie" Douglas, which led to his downfall and exile, painted an incomplete picture of the man. Peter said: Oscar also loved his wife and two sons very deeply. At the end of his life, the fact that he was separated from them was perhaps what ultimately destroyed him. In the past, Constance has been a little bit

forgotten."
On location at an 1840s house in Mile End, the actor and writer Stephen Fry emerged in a cream tail cost

and long wig to play the man who is one of his heroes. He believes that Wilde has been misunderstood as brittle and superficial: "He wasn't I've been researching Wilde all my life. I've been passionate about him since I was II."

Asked what Wilde might have made of his portrayal. Fry drew an analogy with Daniel Massey asking his godfather, Noel Coward, how he had fared in his depiction of him. "Too many 'dear boys', dear boy," came the reply. Mr Fry added: "I only hope Oscar

whether they had considered anyone else for the role, Marc Samuelson said: "Can you think of anyone else who'd be right for it?"

Directed by Brian Gilbert, the film focuses on 15 years of Wilde's life, when most of his great works - including The Importance of Being Ernest and An Ideal Husband were written. Vanessa Redgrave plays Wilde's mother, and Jude Law plays Douglas, the Oxford undergraduate whom he met on the first night of his play Lady Windermere's

Importance of praising Oscar

THE centenary of Oscar

Wilde's release from Reading

Gaol in May 1887, where he

was imprisoned for his borno-

sexuality, will be marked by

Apart from Wilde the film.

there are plans for several memorials, including two

statues, and a competition for

creative writing by prisoners in Reading prison, today a young offenders' institution

and remand centre. The small

cell in which Wilde was kept

The British Library is dis-

cussing a major Wilde exhibi-

tion for 2000, the centenary of

his death. Among celebratory events planned for 1997, Dub-

numerous events.

has survived.

Richard Elimann's definitive biography, is by Julian Mitchell, whose previous work in-cludes Another Country.

Constance Wilde ultimately fled the country with their children and changed the family name to Holland, always hoping that Wilde would return. Wilde's grandson, Merlin Holland, said: I am pleased to see they have brought Constance and the family in because they were an important part of his life. You only have to read his letters to see that. From prison, he

lin, Wilde's birthplace, is hop-

ing to erect a multicoloured

statue while London intends

to erect a statue in the heart of

Reading council may place a memorial outside the pris-on. Wilde would be flattered.

As he once said: "There is only

one thing worse than being talked about. That is not

in Poets' Corner in Westmin-

ster Abbey a few years ago,

there were fears that his

homosexuality would bar him

from that honour but his fol-

lowing today is stronger than

ever. His grave in Paris has become a place of pilgrimage.

Before he was given a place

being talked about."

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by them. It would be better for them not to be forced to think of me as an outcast, but to know me as a man who has The producers noted how the two films made in the Sixties - Peter Finch in The

realise what he had done to

Mr Holland singled out the

letter written to a friend in

March 1897, when the court

had made his wife guardian of

the children: "I do hope the

court will see in me something

more than a man with a tragic

vice in his life. There is so

much more in me. and I

always was a good father to

both my children. I love them

dearly and was dearly loved

Trials of Oscar Wilde and Robert Morley in Oscar Wilde - could not focus enough on the homosexuality "to say what it was that was making everyone upset". Although social and academic attitudes have changed, the producers who made Tom

and Viv struggled for four years to get Wilde under way. Without £1's million from the Arts Council's Greenlight lottery fund, the £64 million film would not have been possible. Everyone is aware of the challenge in the two months of filming. As Wilde said: "In this world there are only two

tragedies. One is not getting

what one wants, and the other

is getting it."

the edge of the east Yorkshire resort to produce power to run lighting along the prome-nade. East Riding Council is to erect one turbine for a three-day demonstration to test local opinion.

Police marksmen shot three cows after they repeatedly wandered on to the Al at Balderton, Nottinghamshire. early yesterday, causing at least two minor acridents. No one was hurt. Police said the shootings had been requested by a farmer and a vet.

Barnstaple blossoms as a top European beauty

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

THE Devon town Barnstaple has walked off with a top European environmental "beauty" prize, much to the surprise of many who know the town well. But despite being one of the lesser known tourist attractions in the West Country, the town's floral displays were judged the best in Europe, perhaps because the local councillors cannily replaced a flowerdecked model Spitfire with

The model of the Anglo-French supersonie jet which dominates the town's square so impressed judges in the pan-European Entente Florale competition that they had little hesitation in granting Barnstaple a gold award and

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naming it as one of Europe's three most beautiful towns, at least as far as flowers were concerned.

They also gave a top award to the Belgian town of Malmedy, which can hardly be described as one of the prettiest in Belgium let alone in Europe. The third winner. Skerries in Ireland, often does well in Ireland's tidy towns contest, but it is known more for its dry, bracing climate than for its scenic charm.

Barnstaple was allowed to join the nine finalists in the European competition after winning the Britain in Bloom competition last year with hundreds of hanging baskets of flowers and a Spitfire as the main attraction. The organi-

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sers decided that to ensure none of the European judges took offence, it would be better to have a Concorde in flowers than a Spitfire, and it obviously worked," Alan Clark, of North Devon Dis-trict Council, said, "We are all thrilled by the victory and the town is a blaze of colour and really looks wonderful now." Already the town has benefited from its victory in the national competition with an

influx of coach tours from around the country. Now Europeans are also expected to flock in to see the flowers, planted after Faye Webber. vice-chairman of the council, raised £50,000 from local Mrs Webber said in Eger.

Hungary - itself a former victor in the competition where the prizewinners were announced: "I am absolutely thrilled. We are particularly well known for our busy lizzie

Now Barnstaple, which is at the head of the Taw estuary and was one of the four original boroughs of Devon. will be able to take part in the worldwide competition and is open to suggestions to what it should create as the centrepiece when the blooms on Concorde have faded after the Barnstaple fair this week.

£3,000 awarded for holiday upset

By A Staff Reporter

WHEN Grant and Yvonne Moss arrived on the holiday desert island of their dreams they expected to walk hand in hand on a palm-fringed Indian Ocean beach.

Wilder many events

planned for centenary

Instead, they watched as excavators and dumper trucks roared up and down the tiny Maldive island of Lankanfinolhu. Work started at 6.30am each day. After the 19-night stay, the

couple were offered £500 compensation from Trade Winds holidays. They asked for £1.000, but were refused. Now a judge has awarded them a full refund of £3,000.

Mr Moss, 35, of Studley, Hereford and Worcester, said: Our holiday was totally ruined. We were more stressed than before we got there. We are very happy with the outcome. "It was advertised as a four-

star holiday haven which com-

bined modern comforts with unspoilt unatural beauty. Yvonne was recovering from major surgery and it looked an ideal place for her to recuperate. I paid extra for us to stay in a water bungalow." The couple were told that there was building work on the island. They said it was just a small extension to the

main hotel and that it

wouldn't affect us. We had a

near 20-hour trip to be greeted by a half-built island. It was just like one big building site. The workmen were still erecting some water bungalows. The worst thing was the noise."

Two days later, a travel representative arrived to apologise but said there was nothing that could be done. On the couple's return they

lodged a formal complaint and were told that they would receive only £500 compensation: "I asked for £1,000. Trade Winds offered half, saying we had been warned." Eventually they decided to take Trade Winds to Redditch County Court, where the company admitted liability.



Yvonne Moss on the

Paraglider crashes on to house

By JOEL WOLCHOVER

PARAGLIDER who crashed through the roof of a house in the Peak District was critically ill last night. Ian Rodger. 32 a solicitor from Sheffield, fell head first

and had to be freed by firefighters after becoming trapped in the attic. He was taken to Sheffield's Hallamshire Hospital, where his condition was described as serious but stable.

Dozens of onlookers had watched Mr Rodger circling low over the village of Hathersage. Derbyshire, not realising he was struggling to open his reserve parachute. Liz Wain, 41, who lives opposite the scene of the accident, said: "He seemed to be tangled up in his parachute strings. He was struggling to untangle himself. The next thing, he went straight into the roof of the house opposite.

The noise was terrible. I don't know how to describe it. You would have thought a plane had hit the house, not just a person." Mrs Wain said that two local doctors were on the scene within minutes of the accident on Saturday.

The British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association said that their members undertook 500,000 flights a year and about 150 accidents were

Father drowns in dinghy accident

BY JOEL WOLCHOVER

wooden dinghy carrying two adults and four children capsized in darkness off Salcombe estuary. Devon. Stuart Wheyman, 52.

drowned after being thrown into the sea on Saturday night. His wife, Rowena, their daughter Tyrina. 12, and nineyear-old son Nicholas were also tipped into the water, along with the son and daughter of a neighbouring family who had been allowed to join

the boating trip.
When the dinghy capsized the party, none of whom was wearing life jackets, had been returning after a night out ashore to a larger yacht moored in the estuary. The accident started a frantic rescue effort involving residents and the emergency services.

The four youngsters were rescued from the water by instructors from a local sailing club, while the adults were taken ashore by yachtsmen from boats moored in the estuary near by. One of the rescuers, a nurse, tried unsuccessfully to resuscitate Mr Wheyman and gave first aid to Mrs Wheyman, who was later flown by RAF Sea King helicopter to a hospital in

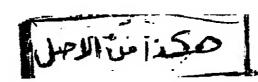
Plymouth. A spokesman for Devon police said: "The occupants of

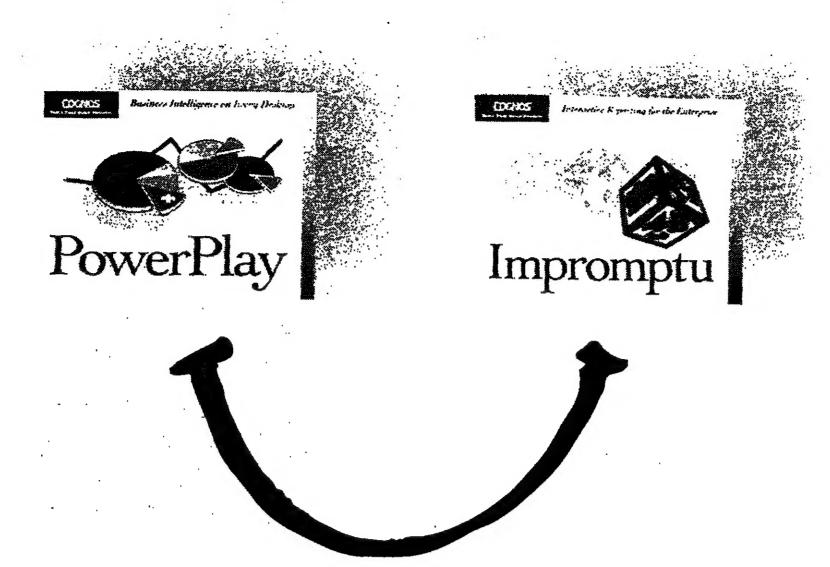
A MAN died when a small a houseboat heard screaming coming from the darkness and made their way towards the commotion. Everyone in the capsized dinghy was helped from the water and brought '. ashore."

Mr Wheyman was pronounced dead at the scene by a doctor from Salcombe, who had been called out to assist the rescuers. Both families involved in the tragedy live in villages near the coast.

Kurt Mockridge, of the Island Cruising Club, praised the club's instructors who helped to co-ordinate rescue efforts from their converted Mersey ferry, Egremont. "The dinghy capsized near Egremont," he said. "The staff on duty overheard shouts and went out in a rigid inflatable rescue boat. We got the children warm and dry and the parents of the other two children, who had been at a party in Totnes, came over to pick up all four of them."

Members of the dub found the dinghy snared on the mooring of Egremont yesterday morning. "It was 8 ft long with an outboard on the back." Mr Mockridge said. "We would certainly not put that many people in a boat that size and we would also make sure everyone was wearing buoyancy aids."





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Pupil juggles marks to boost grades

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITY admissions officers are angry that a rejected student was allowed to take advantage of the new modular examinations by manipulating his A levels to improve his grades and claim a place.

The student, unhappy at his B in mathematics and C in further mathematics, asked the London Examination Board to switch some of his marks from one subject to the other. After juggling the units of the new-style modular courses, they awarded him

The case yesterday led John Marks, a member of the School Curriculum and As-

Universities angered by 'loophole' clampdown on modular courses which have been dogged by controversy over stan-

dards since they were

introduced four years ago. University College London, which turned away the student for failing to meet his target of two Bs and gave his place to someone else, was astounded when he came back days later with higher grades. As he then met the conditions of his offer, it was obliged to ive him a place even though the Government's strict cap on undergraduate places meant it faced a fine. Keith Langley, an

sessment Authority, to call for admissions tutor at the college, said: "We were livid. How can you get two different grades with the same results? He originally got a B and a C so we rejected him. Apparently this is a loophole in the

> The student is able to chop and change to suit him post hoc. He should be doing law or business management because he was pretty shrewd to cotton on to this."

The Examination - Board said it was only following the rules laid down by the authority. Adrian Woodthorpe, director of operations improved their grades by switching modular units round rather than by taking

extra papers.

The option applied only to double mathematics. The modular A level is made up of four units from a range of 13 and further mathematics students simply select four further units from those available. Candidates on modular courses have until the end of this month to accept the grades awarded last month or decide to keep some and

retake others. They were also

allowed to combine the units

public domain and available to admissions tutors. I am disappointed this should have come as a surprise to any admissions tutor." He conceded the system allowed a student to gain a higher grade as a result of the recombination. This is to do with the tremen-

examinations offer." Modular A levels have been criticised as easier because students are examined in each unit of the course as soon as Shephard, the Education and

dous flexibility which modular

Employment Secretary, has said she would act this auturns to curb the unlimited number of times students can retake units.

Dr Marks said he wants her to go further. "I did not know students could pick and mix units in this way. It is extraordinary and something I would like to raise with the authority. I am concerned at this and do not think it should be

His concerns were shared by Peter Saunders, Professor Applied Mathematics at King's College. London. "This sounds a very odd way of doing things. The material covered in further mathematics compared to mathematics used to be quite different."

Professor dismisses Major's school vision

By DAVID CHARTER

OHN MAJOR's vision of grammar school in every town is doomed to fail, a leading right-wing academic predicts in a pamphlet published

The Prime Minister's plans to give schools greater power to select pupils will never find layour with enough parents. Robert Skidelsky, a former curriculum adviser to the Govrnment, says. Lord Skidelsky. Professor of Political Economy at Warwick University, said the switch from grammar and secondary modern schools to comprehensive by Labour in 1965 was

In a paper for Politela, an ndependent think-tank, he doubts whether parents will also accept the placing of children in sets according to ability, a system supported by both major parties. Lord Skidelsky concluded that choice for parents would best be created by making all schools independent and giving parents means-tested vouchers to exchange for their children's education.

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His views will come as a disappointment to the Prime Minister, who has said he would like every child to have the chance of a grammar lieves the idea is a vote-winner in an area where Conservative education policy clearly differs from Labour's. In a White Paper published in June, the Government outlined plans for every comprehensive school to consider a return to selection. Legislation was promised this autumn to give grant-maintained schools the reedom to select half their

pupils and local authority schools a fifth. Only six grant-maintained schools have so far introduced a "grammar stream". Lord Skidelsky writes: "It is hard to see that a majority of parents could ever be drummed up for a general return to a tripartite school system, given its association with the 11-plus. Some bits of history are simply

irreversible."

He adds: "A similar scepticism is in order about the currently fashionable view that it should be possible to capture the advantages of a differentiated system within non-selective schools through streaming and setting. This may be true in theory. But it ignores the difficulty of developing an ethos which can support the effective use of selection within schools set up on the contrary principle."

Michael Barber, Professor of Education at the London Institute and an adviser to both main parties, agreed a grammar school in every town was unlikely. But streaming and placing children in ability sets was already widespread in comprehensive schools.

"I strongly oppose a gram-mar school in every town." he said. "I also strongly oppose the idea you can simply privatise the whole system. There is absolutely no evidence that abandoning it to the market will raise standards at all."



The Queen Mother leaving Crathie Church yesterday; above, the castle interior

the Castle of Mey for £26,000 in 1953, soon after her husband's death, to provide a peaceful home away from official life. She could hardly have moved further from London: the castle overlooks the stormy Pentland Firth, 15 miles along the Caithness

coast from Thurso, the most northerly town on the British

Built between 1566 and 1572 by George Sinclair, the fourth Earl of Caithness, the building had fallen into disrepair. The Queen Mother

a castle that is small, solid and pretty in a stern Scottish

She spends part of every summer there, the only one of her many homes that she can properly call her own. Clarence House and Royal Lodge, Windsor, where she

official residences. Glamis Castle and her childhood home of St Paul's Waldenbury in Hertfordshire belong to other members of the Bowes-Lyon family. Her other Scottish summer home at Birkhall is part of the Balmoral estate owned by the

Viscount Thurso, one of the Castle of Mey's new trustees. said yesterday that the Queen Mother's decision to secure the estate's future demon-

are open three days a year. Queen Elizabeth bought Navy and Army do battle to fill top defence post

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Navy and the Army are vying to provide the man who will fill the post of Chief of the Defence Staff, Britain's top commander and the Government's principal military adviser. An announcement is due soon because of the retirement early next year of Field Marshal Sir Peter inge, the current defence chief.

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sold after the Queen Moth-

er's death. It is also expected

that eventually the castle will

be opened to the public to

help to pay for the estate's upkeep, but probably not during the lifetime of the

Queen Mother, who is 96.

The gardens, largely created by the Queen Mother herself,

The final shortlist is understood to consist of two names: Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, and General Sir Charles Guthrie, Chief of the General Staff. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, is not thought to be in

the running for the job. The final decision will be taken by John Major, acting on a recommendation from Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, after consultation with Richard Mottram, Permanent Secretary at the minis-

try, and Sir Peter Inge.Sir Jock Slater, 58, was considered for the top post the last time the appointment of Chief of the Defence Staff became vacant, after the sudden resignation in 1994 of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Peter Harding over the revelation of an affair with the former Lady (Bienvenida) Buck, former wife of Sir Antony Buck, Navy

Minister in 1972-74. Sir Jock is being presented to ministers as the candidate with the greatest all-round experience. He became an admiral in 1985 when he was appointed Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff, responsible for policy and nuclear affairs at the MoD. In 1991 he became Commander-in-Chief Fleet and was appointed Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff in 1993.

Although his credentials are viewed as impeccable for elevation to the job of Chief of the Defence Staff, the Army's rival

candidate. Sir Charles Guthrie. has made a good impression on ministers since he was appointed Chief of the General Staff in March 1994.

Sir Charles, 57, a friend of Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, served with the SAS as a troop commander in 1966 and then as a squadron commander in 1968. Throughout his career, Sir Charles has followed close on the heels of Sir Peter Inge, and some MoD sources say he is the natural successor.

One important element in selecting the next Chief of the Defence Staff is the knock-on effect. If Sir Charles is chosen, it is possible he would be succeeded as Chief of the General Staff by another commander from a similar SAS background, General Sir Michael Rose, who as Adjutant-General is trying to resolve the manpower shortage in the infantry and artillery.

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Neighbours star barred from panto in a single Australian soap does not afford her internabours co-star Sarah

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

AN ACTRESS in Neightional celebrity status". bours, the Australian soap Miss Davies, voted one of opera, has been refused perthe world's most desirable mission to perform in British women in magazine polls. pantomime this Christmas has criticised the "arbitrary" because the Department of nature of British overseas Employment does not considlabour laws. She said that she er her a big enough star. Kimberley Davies, 23, who plays Annalise Hartman in was heartbroken at the

Last year she was granted a the popular drama shown on permit to appear as BBCl, has been told that she Goldilocks in Goldilocks cannot play Maid Marian in and the Three Bears in Robin Hood at the Grand Wolverhampton. To add in-Theatre in Swansea, South sult to injury, her part this Wales, because "a single role December as Maid Marian Aunt Sally."

Vandenburgh who, although Australian, still has a valid work permit.

The Department of Employment, which is guided by the actors' union Equity on the issuing work permits, said it had a responsibility to safeguard jobs for British-based performers. But Nick Thomas, for the Artist Management Group which represents Miss Davies, said: The whole thing is ladierous. We are being set up as a political



Davies: denied panto role as Maid Marian

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people of Caithness. The other trustees are the Earl of Caithness, who resigned as junior transport cide, James Stobo, a Borders farmer and stockbreeder, and Captain Ashe Windham, a former equerry to the Queen Mother. Their task is to ensure that when the royal cattle visit Smithfield or the Royal Highland Show, they broke pivincontinue to pick up red rosettes.

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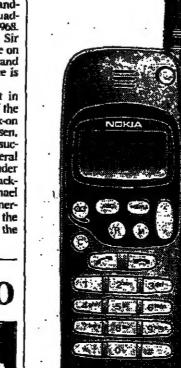
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Breedlove heads for sound barrier

FROM GILES WHITTELL ON BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, UTAH

WITH the power of ten dragsters - or 48,000 horses - mounted inches behind his head, Craig Breedlove, the veteran speed addict, is due today to begin testing what he hopes will be the world's first supersonic car on the blinding white salt speed-

way here.
After four years of planning, fundraising and precision welding, the unflappable Californian who was the first to exceed 400, 500 and 600mph on land, set up camp on this vast dry lake bed at the weekend. Burning two gallons of fuel a second, the jet that fills the Spirit of America's slim body once powered a US Navy Phantom fighter and is easily powerful enough to push its new pilot beyond the sound barrier, he believes.

Richard Noble, the Briton who has held the current record of 633mph since 1983, intends to defend it with his new twin-engined Thrust SSC car. Tests on it could go ahead in Jordan later this year. An Australian is also mounting a challenge in November.

Accelerating across the desert towards Mach L Breedlove will experience G-forces like those felt by combat pilots, but without the benefit of a pressurised suit for which there is no room in his cramped cockpit Should he break the sound barrier, a shock wave will spread out from his composite graphite nose cone with unpredictable results. "There is research on what happens when you do this eight miles up, but not down here," said Dezso Molnar, Breedlove's crew chief. "You're sending one shock wave into the air and one into hard ground."

"In these vehicles you don't have accidents," one of his assistants said. "You either walk away or you're



Breedlove: after he



An American visitor examines his car, damaged by a tree felled in La Paz, Mexico, by Hurricane Fausto. The storm was downgraded at the weekend but not before it had damaged 1,700 homes in Baja California province and killed an American tourist. Some residents were evacuated from the northwestern state of Sonora

"moral crisis". At the same

time, the new team will blast

Mr Clinton on the question of

veracity. "The record has got

to be set straight here," Mr Castellanos said, "It must be

very liberating to be unencum-

bered by having to tell the truth. He's painting Bob Dole

as the kind of man who wants senior citizens to starve and babies to die. What won't Bill

In a further sign that he

hopes to steal the moral high ground from Mr Clinton, who had been deliberately cast as the President for family values at the Chicago convention, Mr

Dole made an unscheduled appearance this weekend at

the Christian Coalition confer-

House has also defused another issue, which Republi-

cans had hoped might be linked to the President's char-

acter, by releasing an 11-page

statement about the Clinton

health record. The report, ending speculation about whether Mr Clinton might

have a venereal disease or be

HIV-positive, said that the

President had no history of

sexually transmitted disease,

high blood pressure, diabetes, tuberculosis, cancer or heart

ence in Washington.

Clinton do to win?"

New strategy casts Dole as champion of family values

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE will reintroduce himself as the principled leader of American values today, unveiling a package of anticrime and drug proposals designed to capture the many voters who believe that the United States has slipped into moral decline.

In a dual strategy, devised to promote Mr Dole as a war hero and man of character while tearing down President Clinton in a series of negative advertisements, the Republi-can candidate's revamped campaign team is convinced he can swiftly cut the President's double-digit lead by

next month. The new focus on what his aides describe as the "moral deterioration under Mr-Clinthe mould of Pat Buchanan. radical commentator whose message proved popular in the Republican primaries this year. The move by Mr Dole coincides with a new survey showing that the electorate was most concerned about the issues of criminality. drug abuse, a decline in spiritual values and a worsening education system, rather

than the economy. In Philadelphia today, Mr Dole will announce proposals to counter drug use and vio-

lent crime, and will portray Mr Clinton as the author of a decaying code of values.

"Drug use among our youth has more than doubled since President Clinton took office," said Mr Dole in his weekly radio address. "And since drugs lead to violence, it's no surprise that youth violence is also on the rise."

The Dole plan would keep violent criminals in prison longer, provide tougher sen-tences for juvenile offenders, require more inmates to work. renew the commitment to fighting drugs and vigorously prosecute criminals who use

that affects crime, will be one of the most important mes-Greg Stevens, a leading consultant in the new Dole team employed last week. "It's a good issue for Bob Dole and a bad issue for Bill Clinton." Mr Stevens and Alex Castel-

lanos, his partner, are masters at exploiting so-called wedge issues such as crime, capital punishment, affirmative action and gay rights.
In a series of new commer-

cials to begin this week, Mr Dole's heroic record in the Second World War will be linked to America's growing

by pardon

A PARDON by King Noro-dom Sihanouk of Cambodia for Ieng Sary, the rebel Khmer Rouge leader the monarch once called 'my worst enemy". will open the way for a peace deal and co-operation between the Cambodian Army and a Khmer Rouge faction against Pol Pot, analysts said yesterday (James Pringle writes).

leng Sary was sentenced to death for genocide after the Khmer Rouge was ousted. King Sihanouk signed the amnesty on Saturday in the interests of reconciliation.

New York plea for drugs help

New York: Janet Reno, the US Attorney-General, has been asked to lend 100 members of the US Border Patrol squad to drug-ridden upper Manhattan (Quentin Letts writes). Howard Safir, New York's police commissioner, has all but acknowledged that parts of north Manhattan need treating like foreign lands.

Belgian kidnap girls found safe

Brussels: Two Belgian girls aged 13 and 15 who were abducted by two men in car in abducted by two men in Partillers the southern town of Bouillon for about nine hours were found safe yesterday near the French border, police said. They said the girls had been drugged, but gave no other details. (Reuter)

Palace guard

Mismi: US State Department security agents have been sent to Haiti to help to protect President Preval amid reports that some of his bodyguards have committed crimes, including two assassinations.

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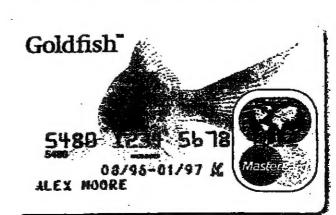
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Invading beetles gnaw at the Big Apple

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

NEW YORK has been invaded by a species of "tree eating" Asian beetle which could possibly do for North America's maples what Dutch elm disease did to Britain's treescape.

The Asian longhorned Anaplophora glabripennis, typically an

inch long and originally from south China and Japan, has killed about 200 trees in a concentrated area of Brooklyn. Equipped with a powerful set of horns, it bores holes into trees and lavs eggs inside the bark. The young feed on the sap, and in the harsh climate of America's northeast coast the weakened tree soon dies. The US Department of Agriculture has been alerted and scientists are working to

try to arrest the problem. "If it were to spread, it could be devastating," said one forestry official, adding that the fine maples of New England could be at risk. The beetle attacks sugar, silver and

Norway maples, sycamores, elms, horse chestnuts, willows and poplars. A public telephone hotline has been set up, and so far 25 beetles have been captured by the parks department.

Murder families put OJ back in the dock

By GILES WHITTELL

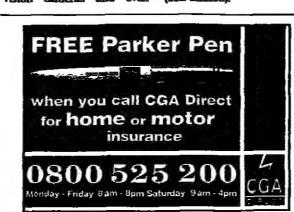
NEARLY a year after walking free, O.J. Simpson returns to Monica, to face the families of murder victims Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman. The families have vowed to

hold him responsible for the two deaths in a new civil trial already nicknamed the Simpson Sequel — at which Mr Simpson is expected to testify for at least a week. The ex-footballer's chief concern this time should be the likelihood of a deeply suspicious jury with vivid memories of "Part One", experts say. In an attempt to avoid the first trial's "circus atmo-

sphere", photographers, tele-vision cameras and even

sketch artists have been barred from court, and the judge has issued a sweeping gag order banning lawyers and witnesses from giving interviews. Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki has upheld his own ban on live television coverorder banning lawyers age despite protests from media lawyers.

Outrage followed last year's acquittal by a mainty black jury whose verdict was seen as racially inspired. Having been acquitted in a criminal way of the second based on the second based trial. Mr Simpson cannot be sent to jail even if found responsible for the deaths, but he would face a massive bill. The plaintiffs are said to be seeking at least \$10 million (£6.5 million).



China starts purge of Dalai Lama's Tibet strongholds

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

A SWEEPING purge of Tibet's anti-Chinese Buddhist temples has begun as Peking intensifies its "strike hard" drive to compel loyalty among the turbulent clergy and to curb their devotion to the

The drive - aimed at "bases of splittist activities ... and monks and nuns who have become the backbone of the splittists", according to the official newspaper Tibet Daily - will focus on the Sera, Drepung, and Ganden monasteries near the capital, Lhasa. Vast complexes of temples and domestic buildings, the three have been the focus of repeated crackdowns by the Chinese since the 1950s; Ganden, which is perched on a mountain, was nearly obliterated by dynamiting during the Cultural Revolution.

Raidi, a leading pro-Peking Tibetan official, told the paper: "Some temples are strongholds of Dalai Lama splittist thinking," He said Sera,

Drepung and Ganden had been chosen "to gain experi-

ence" for a wider crackdown. The nationwide "strike hard" campaign against criminals began in April. By June, according to the authorities, it had resulted in the arrests in Tibet of 187 people, the smashing of 287 criminal cases and the seizure of 34 guns and

quantities of ammunition and

Earlier this month, details of the crackdown were leaked to the London-based Tibet Information Network which quoted Chinese documents demanding that monks exhibit patriotism, opposition to the Dalai Lama, and co-operation in fostering the "harmony of religion and socialism". Monks who displayed a "bad attitude" would be expelled from monasteries, according

to the documents. The effort to compel Tibet's clergy to abandon the Dalai Lama has been continuous and is unlikely to succeed any

better this time than it has in

The Dalai Lama, regarded by most Tibetans as their spiritual and civil leader. escaped from Tibet in 1959 to exile in India, but visitors to monasteries are still approached by monks of all ages who display illegal pictures of the Dalai Lama and slips of paper condemning China.

Sydney: Alexander Down-

er, the Australian Foreign Minister, left for his first official visit to Europe at the weekend after defying Chinese warnings and welcoming the Dalai Lama to Australia. The half-hour meeting

which Mr Downer described as "private", took place shortly after the Dalai Lama arrived on Saturday for a 15-day visit to Australia. John Howard, the Prime Minister, who leaves on a six-day trip to Indonesia and Japan today, is also expected to have a private meeting with the Dalai Lama on his return. (AFP)



The Dalai Lama greets supporters in Melbourne yesterday on a visit to Australia

Split at Vatican as Pope faces sixth operation

THE Vatican has admitted chief spokesman's unusually that the Pope's mysterious recurrent illnesses are due to inflammation of the appendix. and says he will have an operation by the end of the

The announcement reportedly followed a row within the Vatican over how much to divulge about the Pope's health, and failed to halt talk of a vacuum at the top.

Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the chief Vatican spokesman, said the pontiff, 76, would go ahead with his controversial trip to France on Thursday and a beatification ceremony early next month. He will then undergo surgery. There is no special concern," Dr Navarro-Valls said. "But it is better to intervene from the surgical point of view to solve this recurring problem." He em-phasised that there was no sign of a turnour of the kind removed from the Pope's colon

According to well-placed sources, however, the decision to "come clean" over the Pope's illness follows a row between Dr Navarro-Valls and senior Vatican figures. including Stanislaw Dziwisz, the Pope's Polish private secretary, and Renato Buzzonetti, the papal doctor. They were said to have conveyed the

Dr Navarro-Valls has referred frequently in the past six months to "intestinal infections" and "fevers" to explain the Pope's repeated setbacks. including his cancellation of Christmas Mass and medical tests for "abdominal pains" during his summer break at Castelgandolfo. During the Hungarian trip, Dr Navarro-Valls, a former

frank remarks to reporters

during the pontiff's trip to

Hungary a week ago, during

which he moved slowly and

often appeared tired and in

pain after enduring cold

winds and driving rain.

doctor, said the repeated abdominal infections were due to "mysterious bacteria" which had the Vatican baffled. He appeared to hint that reports that the constant trembling in the Pope's left hand was due to Parkinson's disease were true, and said his "personal view" was that the Pope's stomach problems stemmed from the attempt on his life in May 1981, when he was shot in the abdomen.

It was reported at the weekend that Dr Navarro-Valls had offered to resign after criticism from the Pope's immediate entourage over this attempt at Vatican glasnost, but the pontiff had asked him to stay. Dr Buzzonetti yesterday confined himself to the terse declaration that, after consulting four other Vatican doctors, he had concluded that surgery for "recurring inflammation of the appendix" was the best course.

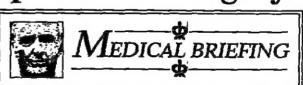
The admission that the Pope is to have his sixth operation since coming to the Holy See in 1978 has not halted reports that the continuing uncertainty is paralysing decision-making in the Vatican. Last week Repubblica published what it said was an interview with an anonymous Vatican 'monsignor", who expressed concern over the vacuum at the top. L'Avvenire, the Catholic daily, which voices the view of the Italian church hierarchy, accused La Repubblica of playing "macabre games", and suggested the "monsignor" did not exist.

But the article accurately reflected what is being said in the Vatican corridors of power. "John Paul II is a one-man hand, and the hand is no playing," one insider said. Suggestions of a rift have led to reports in the French media before the papal visit that he might become the first Pone since the 13th century to step



Pope: feeling the strain of recurrent illness

Papal spokesman unlikely to win prizes for surgery



A DIAGNOSIS of chronic appendicitis, the "grumbling appendicitis" so beloved of my Edwardian forbears. would be unlikely to win high marks for Joaquín Navarro-Valls, the Vatican spokesman and former doctor, if ever he had to resit the finals of his surgery exams.

The concept that recurrent inflammation of the appendix can be a cause of intermittent lower right-sided abdominal pain and a temperature is now rejected. But experienced doctors know that some patients with these symptoms do get better after their appendix has been removed.

It is to be hoped that the Pope, who has suffered from these troubles for some months, and whose symptoms, it is admitted, have mystified his doctors, will be one of those who recover after an appendicectomy.

One possible cause for the Pope's pain and intermittent infection is partial obstruction of the gut after the develop-ment of adhesions perhaps caused by internal scarring when he was shot in the abdomen. That the troubles could be caused by old adhesions - this, incidentally, is also not a popular diagnosis with medical examiners - is a distinct possibility.

Although various research projects have shown that adhesions are only rarely the cause of serious trouble, there is no doctor who has not seen instances where they have given rise to symptoms simi-lar to the Pope's that have disappeared after their div-

The appendix is not always obstructed from within - the usual trigger which induces an attack of acute appendicitis. If the mesenteric glands around the appendix become swollen, the classic syn of appendicitis will follow. Now that milk is pasteurised and abdominal TB is uncommon, mesenteric adenitis is usually seen as a reaction to a viral or bacterial infection. Although frequently a childhood problem, it can occur in

алу аде дгоир. Doctors will always be anxious and suspicious in the case of anyone who, like the Pope, has suffered from cancer of the bowel, and will worry lest any later abdominal symptoms are a consequence of a recurrence of the tumours. The Vatican authorities have given an assurance that there is no evidence of any cancer in the Pope, and that this possibility has been considered and excluded.

When the Pope has his appendix removed, it will give the surgeons the opportunity to carry out a thorough search of his abdomen as well as enabling them to remove his appendix and divide any adhesions causing trouble.

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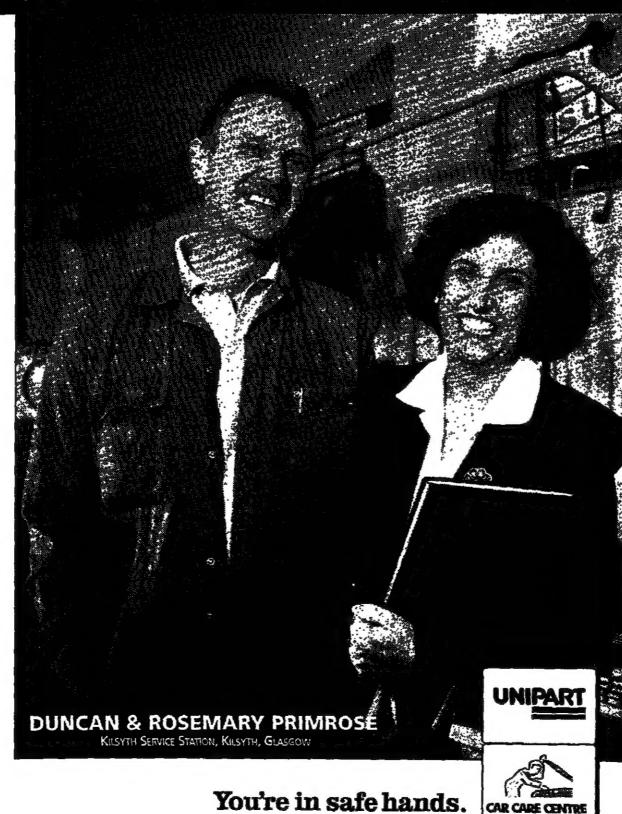
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Baghdad hurls torrent of abuse at Clinton amid continuing US build-up of military force

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Iraq tension eases as Perry bolsters allies in the Gulf

By Christopher Walker, middle east correspondent

AMERICA and !raq pulled back from the brink of renewed conflict yesterday, but William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, refused to rule out further airstrikes against fraqi targets.

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Mr Perry was on a whistlestup tour of the Gulf, where America's military buildup continued. The reduction in tension followed a pledge by President Saddam Hussein to halt further attacks on allied warplanes enforcing the no-fly zones imposed over the north and south of his country. An official Baghdad newspaper emphasised that this move. brokered by Russian diplomats in the Iraqi capital, was only "temporary". In some of the strongest insults ever addressed to President Clinton. Saddam's mouthpiece al-Jumhouriya dismissed the American leader as "mentally retarded, immersed in vice and without conscience".

American diplomatic sources said that instructions had been given by the White House for a cooling-off in the rhetoric being used against the Iraqi dictator while Mr Perry continued a delicate diplomatic mission to bolster

what is left of the 1991 US-led coalition that drove traqi

forces from Kuwait. The tone was set by Madeleine Albright, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, who was crudely ridiculed in a poem published by one Iraqi paper at the weekend. She said that Saddam seemed unlikely now to take actions that might provoke a renewed attack on Iraq and added that the US would not be provoked into "overreacting." Speaking on the NBC programme Meet the Press. Ms Albright hinted strongly that the huge US force now gathering in the Gulf, including eight Stealth fighters in Kuwait, would not be ordered into immediate action unless fresh provocations came from the Iraqis.

Mr Perry gave an evasive answer when questioned on the same subject during a day which involved talks in Saudi Arabia. Kuwait and Bahrain, He is due today for meetings in Turkey, which, like Saudi Arabia, has refused to allow US planes being held in readiness for airstrikes to be based on its territory. During his tour, the Emirate of Bahrain announced that it would



William Perry, US Defence Secretary, with Sheikh Hamoud al-Sabah, his Kuwaiti counterpart yesterday

American F-16 fighters on its soil. Mr Perry said the planes would enforce the no-fly zone

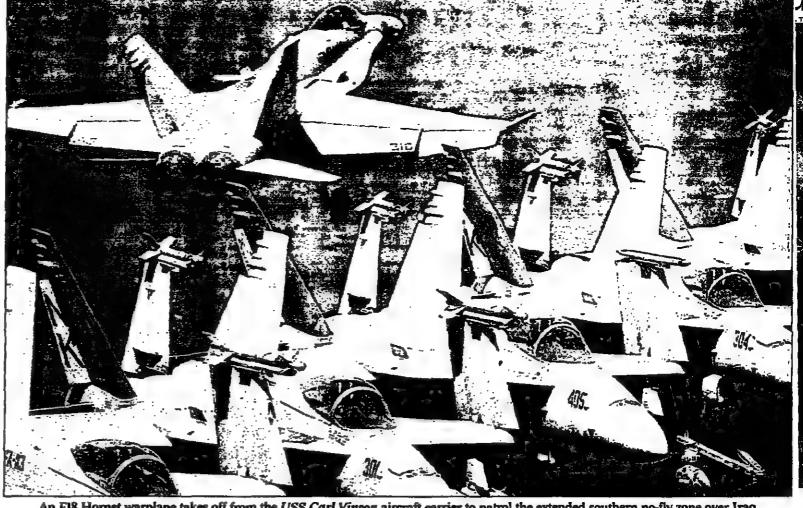
over southern Iraq. "It looks as though Saddam Hussein is not going to do anything else," Ms Albright said. She added that the US would remain "resolute" in its effort to prevent Iraq from threatening its neighbours again, "Basically we have built our forces there. They have acted as a very strong deterrent. We will be resolute." she said.

Pressed on whether it would take another provocation for the US to renew attacks, Ms Albright said: "I think we are going to keep watching the whole issue very, very carefully."

Diplomatic reports in the Gulf, unconfirmed by US officials, said that America was now pressing for Iraq to withdraw all its anti-aircraft systems from the no-fly zones. including the recently extended sector in the south. The US stand on the issue was complicated when a senior Russian diplomat in Baghdad claimed that Iraq still had the right to fire on foreign warplanes entering its airspace.

Mr Perry was asked in Kuwait whether further airstrikes against Iraq were still possible. He replied: "Yes, it is a possibility," without giving more details.

Mr Perry failed in Kuwait to secure immediate approval for a previously-announced plan to deploy 5,000 extra US troops in the emirate to join the 1,200 already based there. Yesterday they conducted livefire exercises south of the border over which Iraqi troops stormed in August 1990, igniting the crisis that led to the



An FI8 Hornet warplane takes off from the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier to patrol the extended southern no-fly zone over Iraq

Big guns wheeled out in Kuwaiti desert

barded invisible targets at the Udairi firing range in the Kuwaiti desert yesterday, 25 miles south of the Iraqi border, in the latest demonstration of Washington's determination to defend the oil-rich emirate.

The air shook repeatedly with the explosions of i55mm shells as gunners from the US First Cavalry Division's Alpha Battery practised with their new track-propelled Paladin howit-zers, each capable of hitting targets 18 miles away.

During the two-and-a-half-hour journey to Udairi, all we could see for mile after endless mile was glistening white sand, a few sheep munching bushes, burnt-out metal hulks, and the odd Bedu holding the steering wheel of his Toyota pick-up truck in one hand and a mobile phone in the other, while rounding up his camels.

America is showing its determination to protect Kuwait with a display of firepower on the Iraqi border, Michael Dynes reports from the Ali al-Salem air base

five-year series codenamed Intrinsic Action, is aimed at boosting the battle readiness of US and Kuwaiti troops, enabling them to deploy rapidly anywhere in the region in the event of

an armed conflict with Iraq.
In the blast-furnace heat of the desert, and amid clouds of blinding white sand, the men of Alpha Battery shredded targets over the horizon, including the rusty remnants of Iraqi tanks, artillery pieces and troop carri-ers, abandoned here in huge numbers after the Allies expelled President Saddam Hussein's forces from Ku-

wait in February 1991. "Everyone here understands what the mission is," said Corporal Matthew Barr, the personal bodyguard of Captain James Barron, the commander of Alpha Battery.

"We've got scorpions in our boots, snakes in our beds, and another three months to go in this goddamn heat," he added. "There's no beer and no women. None of us has had a drink in six weeks. It's pretty grim. But we're here to prepare for military action. None of us wants it, but we're ready if

were told that the First Cavalry Division's new computer-assisted big guns had succeeded in "delivering a copperhead missile into the open hatch of a moving tank" from a distance of 16 miles.

"It's quicker, it rolls faster, shoots further — it's just an awesome mach-

ine," one gunner said.

The gunners from Alpha Battery were deployed to Kuwait from Fort Hood, Texas, on August 10, for 120 days of exercises under the defence pact agreed between the US and

Kuwait after the Gulf War. In addition to the 1,200 strong rotating battalion, there are also several hundred non-combat American military personnel who are stationed at Camp Doha, west of Kuwait City, along with the eight Stealth F117s which arrived at al-Jabar air base, southwest of the capital, last Friday.

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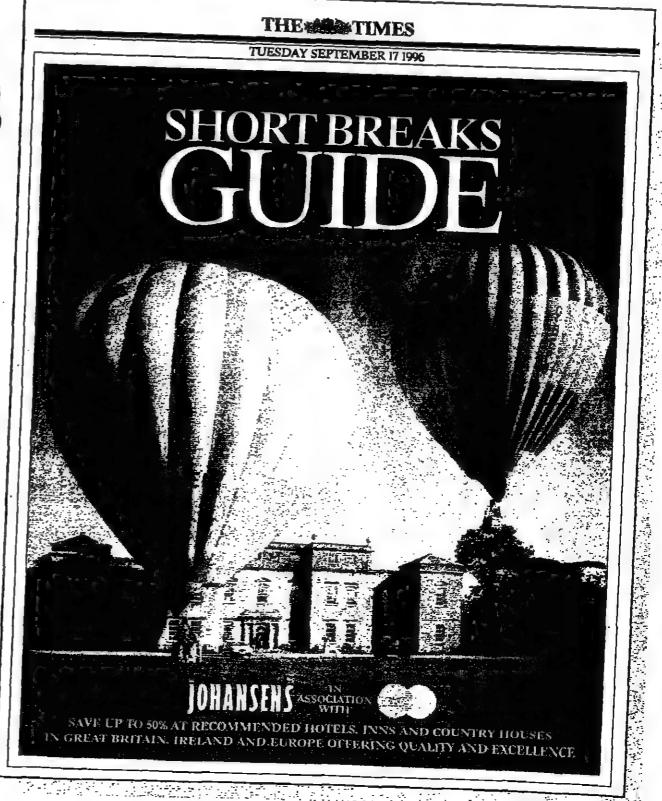
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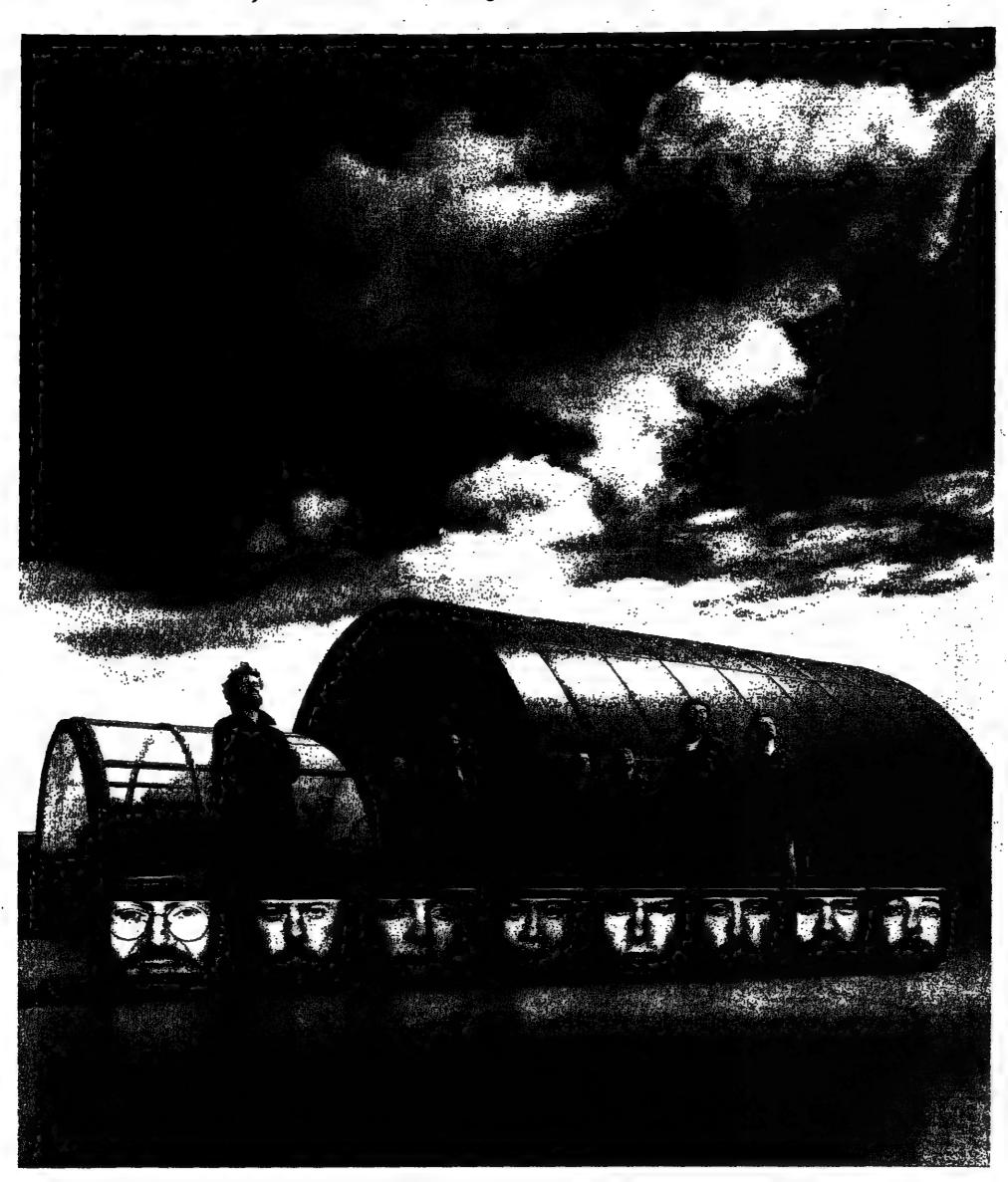
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Why some states are more equal than others in the West's institutions

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reverberate with abstract argument about institutions. On Thursday, a planeload of the great and good will descend on the placid city of Zurich to com-memorate Winston Churchill's speech there 50 years ago calling for a united Europe. Javier Solana, the Spanish Secretary-General of Nato, speaks in London the same day. Anyone discontented by the Bosnian elections will lament the failure of the institutions of what used to be called "the West" to do better. No one will refer to a little-



mentioned fact of late 20thcentury diplomacy: none of the outfits such as the European Union. Nato or the United Nations work unless leaders emerge to set agendas and the members are ready to be led. The universal pretence that all states are equal inside the bodies born in the Cold War is a tactful fiction. When these institutions begin to drift or limp, they can only be revived by small inner groups of states which seize the levers of power without boasting that they are in

Secret cabals can often create and execute strategies which would be paralysed by fully-fledged consultation and decision. When France

EU, Britain is often the loser. But the British mind rather less in Nato, being on the inside track. In the past year, the Atlantic alliance has been rescued from death by irrelevance. America, Germany. Britain and France have gradually solidified into an informal directorate, often known in the four capitals as

not exactly design this **A** development: they try not to appear exclusive

plain. But the difficulties of spreading military risks in Bosnia more evenly between Europe and America, and the delicate statecraft required to keep Russia and Central Europe happy at the same time, squeezed the Nato sys-tem into a subtly different

Without much fanfare, Nato has started making ome hard choices. Or rather the G4 has taken the initiatives and hopes to have them rubber-stamped by a Nato mmit attended by the newly-elected American President in the late spring of next that presently exists to a "common foreign and sec-urity policy" for Europe. The EU's version mostly tends to reveal to the world how divided its members are on

questions such as Iraq.
The policy's ambassador is
Helmut Kohl, who has just made a crucial pair of visits to Moscow and Ukraine. Authorised by Washington, London and Paris, he told the ailing President Yeltsin that Nato would not name the Central European states to be taken as new members until the summit next spring that

very little would be said about it until then; that Nato had no intention of taking any of the three tiny Baltic republics as members, and Nato and Russia would agree a "charter" outlining every detail of their co-operation.

err Kohl's journey revealed that Nato's big powers have fi-nally buckled down to the job of working out how to fulfil the alliance's membership promises to countries such as Poland and Hungary with-out starting trouble in Mosbe summed up as "slow down shut up and it's bad luck for the Balts". But President Clinton's

Ambassador to Nato can still predict, as he did in London last week, that enlargement of the alliance will happen on its 50th birthday, in April 1999. Given that states such as Poland are only going to be slowly, membership of Nato is still prized. Central Europeans have an exaggerated faith in Western institutions.

GEORGE BROCK

Italians turn backs on the birth of Padania

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN VENICE

UMBERTO BOSSI, the Northern League leader, yesterday declared the "birth of the Padanian nation" in Venice after a three-day march along the River Po from the mountains to the sea".

The spectacle was staged in sunshine near St Mark's Square, with Signor Bossi surrounded by League flags and banners and cheering green-shirted supporters. But the turnout, amid a heavy police presence, was well below Signor Bossi's expectations, and his rallies in towns along the Po were sparsely attended.

Estimates put the Venice crowd at several thousand rather than the million Signor Bossi had boasted would support his new "government". We had 100 times this number of people for the Pink Floyd concert seven years ago," one resident said.

Counter-rallies in support of a united Italy drew far bigger attendances. In Milan, spectators were addressed by Gianfranco Fini, the leader of the far-right Alleanza Nazionale. Signor Fini, who hopes to attract disillusioned League voters in future, said to roars of approval that secession was "an insult to history and an insult to reason". He said Signor Bossi's trek across Italy had become a "farce" and urged court action over his call for the formation of a separat-

Police estimated that more and at Piacenza, where one cal journey down the Po, "nation of Padania".



Bossi: journey dogged by moments of comedy

than 150,000 people from all over Italy joined the demon-stration in Milan, the country's financial capital and headquarters of the League. Organisers put the turnout at

Smaller pro-unity rallies also took place on the Po. one at : San Benedetto Po, where Green Party supporters flew a string balloons across the river. banner read: "Free the North,

but from the League". In the southern port of Bari. President Scalfaro hinted that Signor Bossi might be prosecuted for "incitement to illegal acts". A democracy which did not apply the law would not be worthy of the name, the President said.

President Scalfaro's comments followed a call by Signor Bossi on the last leg of his Po Valley trip near Man-tua, for his followers to join a "Padanian National Guard", with the League's green-shirted stewards as its

In Turin, where ugly clashes broke out late on Friday night between left-wing demonstrators and League supporters, magistrates initiated moves to charge Signor Bossi with "violating the consti-

Newspapers said the League, which gained 10 per cent of the vote in April's general election, may have reached its high watermark by embracing the separatist cause. According to opinion polls, only 7 per cent of Italians support secession by the North. President Scalfaro said a

nation of more than 50 million strators "or even a million" who did not represent an ethnic minority.

Signor Bossi's quasi-mysti-

which began with him drawing water from the river's source in a flask of Venetian glass, was marked by rallies attended by thousands - but sometimes only hundreds - of people. In Turin, Signor Bossi claimed that 60,000 attended his opening rally. Police put the figure at 3,000.

Signor Bossi responded by accusing the media of "telling lies" about his true level of support. But his journey was dogged by moments of comic

Signor Bossi, whose local protest movement grew into a national force at the end of the 1980s, arrived in Venice in a flotilla led by a catamaran. But he had to abandon a planned boat journey along the Po because the river was too low. In Turin, fireworks failed to spell out "Padania" in the night sky. Signor Bossi blamed "sabotage". In Verona, Silvio Berlu-

sconi, the former Prime Minister and leader of Forza Italia. told a pro-unity rally that the Bossi march had been "a flop". Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, said the League's declaration of independence was "a ridiculous and artificial event".

Earlier, a small fire bomb people would not be "trou-exploded at the League's head-bled" by thousands of demon-guarters in Venice, but caused little damage. Signor Bossi described the bomb as "the opening shot" in the central states; hattle with the new



Danny Mendez, Miss Italy, addresses a weekend anti-Bossi rally

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Chinese to hear rights debate

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

IT SEEMS, to say the least, like satire: MPs from around the world engaging in "open debate" in a society where all opposition figures have given up the struggle, or are in jail, labour camps, or exile.

But members of 122 parliaments, including six from Britain, will listen in Peking's Great Hall of the People today as President Jiang Zemin, the head of China's Communist Party, welcomes up to 600 members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Over the next five days, they will discuss human rights and other issues in a state which rejects foreign criticism of its record as interference in its internal affairs.

"We will have a discussion on the general promotion and respect of human rights which is an item of the conference and which will be discussed in public," said Pierre Cornillon. secretary-general of the union. Robin Newmann, the union's information officer. said MPs would be free to say whatever they wished. However, the Chinese believe that the human rights to be discussed are those of about 80

been violated. During the United Nations women's conference last year security men tried to halt and monitor discussion of human rights debate among nongovernment delegations.

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countries where rights have



Brynner stars in The Magnificent Seven

Brynner cowboy gear up for sale

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

THE black hat and two sixshooters used by Yul Brynner in the film The Magnificent Seven are to go under the hammer in Paris today.

The richly embroidered silk costumes the late actor wore in his best known role, as the King of Siam in the musical The King and I, are also among the 250 lots to go on sale at Drouot, the Paris auction house.

The collection of memorabilia, paintings and furniture comes from Criqueboeuf. Brynner's beloved Normandy mansion, 18 miles from Deauville. The upkeep of the mansion drove him to play the King of Siam six days a week, 50 weeks a year, for 15 years.

The sale includes his Mexican cowboy boots from The Magnificent Seven and the jewel-encrusted red velvet slippers he wore in The King and I.

Brynner was a passionate art collector and among the works to be auctioned are sketches by his friend Jean Cocteau, one of which bears the legend: "My Yul, I am still very ill ... a line from you would give me courage."

Brynner died in 1985 from lung cancer, aged 65. He had smoked up to four packs a day. A cigarette case, a gift from Marlene Dietrich, will also be sold.

Split in Muslim vote could help Serb win

THE next President of Bosnia-Herzegovina could be Momcilo Krajisnik, a Serb close to Radovan Karadzic, who has been indicted for war crimes.

The prospect of Mr Krajisnik becoming first chairman of the Presidency is believed to be behind an announcement by the Muslim-led Bosnian Government yesterday that it would not recognise the results of Saturday's election in the Serb-held half of Bosnia because of voting irregularities. The results are not expected to be announced until tonight.

Saturday's election was a contest between leading Serb. Muslim and Croat candidates who will share power in the new tripartite presidency. Voting has been largely along ethnic lines, with each community electing a member from its own ranks to represent it in the country's highest ruling body. Mr Krajisnik is the only serious contender among Serbs in the Serb half of Bosnia-Herzegovina, while Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim leader and Bosnia's current President, faces competition from Haris Silajdzic, his former Prime Minister. The race to unify the country after four could therefore split the Muslim vote, allowing Mr Krajisnik to win the highest number of ballots.

The new presidency will consist of a Serb, a Muslim and a Croat who will rotate as head of state. The candidate who receives the most votes becomes the first chairman. If Mr izetbegovic wins the most votes, the Muslim complaint is expected to be withdrawn, diplomats say.

Accusations of fraud from the Muslims and the Serbs appear to be the beginning of post-election bickering that could dog the joint institutions the poll was meant to create. The aim of the elections was



years of war that divided it into ethnic fieldoms. The vote more smoothly than almost anyone had predicted with almost no incidents of violence and only few reports of voting irregularities.

The Serbs countered the Bosnian complaint yesterday. Citing irregularities with the refugee ballots which were cast abroad but counted in local municipalities, Serb officials ordered polling stations in Serb territory to stop counting ballots for several

The potential crisis was attributed to a misunderstanding after a delegation from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which organised the election, met Serb officials in Pale.

discounted both complaints as political posturing, they warned that the early round of accusations boded ill for the establishment of the centra government that is supposed to govern both the Serb Republic and the Muslim Croat Federation.

Gunning for democracy

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN ORAVAC, NEAR ZVORNIK, BOSNIA

SHELTERED by Nato firepower. Bosnia's elections on Saturday proceeded almost without incident. "We were prepared for the worst but we had a day that could be described as dull," said Carl Bildt, the international peace co-ordinator.

Yet aside from the crowing of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which ran the election, the day seemed as much to lay the foundations for a second Bosnian war as cement the Dayton

peace initiative. Muslim voters crossing the dividing line between government and Serb-held areas to vote in Oravac, near Zvornik in eastern Bosnia, resembled prisoners more than an electorate free to move according

to the Dayton stipulations. The first coach at the polling station, a tent in a quarry designated for them by the Serbs, was ringed by armed Serb police who far outnumbered the 12 Muslim

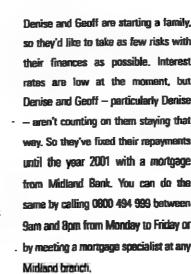
The voters were taken to the tent in small groups, passing police to fill out their hallot forms beneath the Serb flag. US attack helicopters clat-tered overhead while humvees mounted with beavy machineguns and grenade launchers clustered around the road beyond. There must have been at least five guns to

"I know I'm not supposed to comment," said one of the OSCE election observers. "but, my God, there are 28 policemen here, soldiers ev-

erywhere, helicopters buzzing us. Is this oppressive or As more coaches arrived,

the atmosphere became increasingly strained when some Muslims asked to proceed a mile and a half to a voting station in Grbavci, the village from which they were purged in 1992 Roberto Barbarulo, head of

the OSCE in the Zvornik area, handled the situation with an oblique aplomb, explaining to the Muslims that the day was for "voting, not visiting", and that though technically they were free to move where they wanted, the limitations on mended". They accepted the news stoically enough. "Dayton is one reality, this is



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Helping to predict natural catastrophes

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laborate with insurers to develop better ways of predicting natural disasters. Flash floods in east Kent and the Pyrenees. and a series of hurricanes battering the American coast have recently emphasised nature's potential for sodden destruction. Some climatologists believe that global warming will increase that potential, but even if it doesn't there is plenty of scope for better prediction.

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If the insurance industry took better advantage of the latest techniques, says Dr Dougal Goodman, deputy director of the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, it could operate more profitably

and perhaps avoid some of the errors that brought the Lloyd's market to its knees. For the individual, the news could be good, or bad. Some people may find they have to pay more for insurance, while others will pay less. In recent years houses have been constructed in many areas previously left

undeveloped because they lay in a flood plain. Among the projects Dr Goodman wants to explore are the increased risks of flood losses in such areas. He has already interested four large insurance groups and hopes to attract matching funds from the Department of Trade and Industry under the Foresight Challenge programme. The scheme, called Tsunami (Technology and Science from the Universities, NERC Institutes and the Mete-

provide a network of advice, and fund research programmes. The science would come from blue-chip laboratories: the University of East Anglia, the BAS, the British Geological Survey, the Institute of Hydrology, the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, the Southamp-

BUBBLES usually conjure up a gentle image, floating in the breeze or rising through a glass of champagne. But Professor Timothy Mason, of Coventry University, sees

of controlling and facilitating chemical

He told last week's meeting of the British

Association that bubbles created in liquids

by ultrasound contain enough energy to

fragment metals or break chemical bonds.

The bubbles, each about a tenth of a

millimetre in diameter, collapse to create

immensely high temperatures and pressures.

Professor Mason said that the energy could be used to speed up chemical reactions.

remove pollution from water, extract

flavourings from plant raw materials, or

improve the quality of metal castings by

improving dispersion of materials.

Coventry University, sees

them as powerful new ways

The power locked

inside a bubble

orological Office for Insurance) would

Met Office and the Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research. Small consultancy firms will also be involved.

"The fragmentation of the Lloyd's insurance market has meant that the industry has not supported research as it has on the Continent," Dr Goodman says. "If Lloyd's were a single company, there is no doubt that it would have developed much greater scientific input."

In Bermuda, he says, a new reinsurance market specialising in catastrophe reinsurance has already been established, threatening London's position in the world market. "Some of the new Bermudian

catastrophe reinsurers have based their whole business strategy on the application of science within computer models."

To get Tsunami launched, he needs to find

ten companies willing to put in £30,000 a year each. With matching funds from the DTI, that would provide £1,2 million over two years to finance six projects selected by the participants. Examples might be better prediction of

climatic extremes or of exceptional rainstorm events on UK cities. Earthquakes, damage to satellites are other areas where science may have something to offer the

"Traditional actuarial analysis may not be appropriate when losses show dramatic changes with time or when there are rare, single-event catastrophes," Dr Goodman says. "Through applying scientific principles loss experience data, it is possible to underwrite more profitably." He says that the industry has shown "real interest" in the scheme, but cannot yet reveal which comparties are involved.

Scanning the brains

BRAIN scans have been used by archaeologists in Canterbury to diagnose the

cause of death in people who

One of the scans, of a

medieval male skull, shows

died 600 years ago.

the presence of a benign growth known as a

frontal osteoma. Trevor Anderson, of the

week's meeting of the British Association

Another skull, this time of a medieval

woman buried just outside Rochester Cathedral, shows a larger growth in the right frontal bone of the skull. The scans, carried out by Colin Fell, of the Kent and Canterbury

Hospital, reveal that this woman had a

condition called meningiomatous hyperosto-

sis, a tumour of the outer lining of the brain.

This tumour almost certainly proved fatal.

well-known, though infrequent.

of our ancestors



The mouth that roared: volcanoes such as this can send huge clouds of dust and gases into the upper atmosphere, shaping the global climate

Wait for the bang

olcanoes have once again hit the head-Canterbury Archaeological Trust, told last lines. According to experts at the British that in modern medicine, such growths are Association meeting last week. the world should be on alert for a major eruption. How-ever, a high death toll may come not from the eruption itself but from the dramatic way that such explosions affect the climate. For example, it is estimated that 80,000 of the 92,000 people who died in 1815 after an eruption of Tambors.

William Burroughs explains how the massive forces released by a volcanic eruption can dramatically affect climate around the world

Indonesia, starved to death because dust caused the atmosphere to cool and damaged their harvests. Climatologists are now beginning to understand how volcanoes shape the global climate.

Benjamin Franklin first identified the potential of volcanoes to alter the climate. He suggested that the bitter winter of 1783/84 in Northern Europe was caused by the dust cloud produced by the huge eruption of Laki in Iceland in July 1783, which dimmed the sun in Paris for months.

Explosive volcanic eruptions can inject vast amounts of dust, and more significant-ly, sulphur dioxide into the upper atmosphere. Here, the sulphur dioxide is converted into sulphuric acid aerosols.

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At altitudes of 15 to 30 kilometres, these minute aerosol particles remain in the stratosphere for several years. The result is a dust veil in

the upper atmosphere, which can absorb sunlight. This heats the stratosphere but, reaches the Earth's surface. cooling takes place at lower

Analysis of past eruptions uggested that these processes did have a significant impact on the local climate. There was, however, considerable doubt about just how big the impact on the global climate was. This uncertainty arose because any cooling is accompanied by shifts in global weather patterns. Also, the analysis was based largely on

observations of climate in middle latitudes of the northern hemisphere, parts of which in any case experience disproportionate cooling. These problems were compounded by the fact that after the eruption of Krakatoa in 1883, there was no truly significant eruption until Agung in Bali in 1963.

All this changed in the early 1980s. First, there was the eruption of Mount St Helens, Washington, in 1980. However, climatically speaking, it was a damp squib because it did not inject much dust high into the stratosphere. More significantly, it was low in sulphur compounds, and had a limited cooling effect.

The eruption of the sulphurrich El Chichon in Mexico in 1982 provided confirmation of the climatic importance of this element. Then the massive eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in 1991 provided the ideal opportunity for testing all the hypotheses. Furthermore, the availability of accurate temperature measurements by weather satel-lites since 1979 has provided genuinely global observations of the impact of the strato-spheric dust veil created by

Mount Pinatubo erupted, it was estimated that 20 million tons of sulphur compounds were injected into the stratosphere, by far the biggest eruption this century.

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This led James Hansen, at the Goddard Institute of Space Studies in New York, to predict that within about a year Pinatubo would cool the global climate by half a degree and then the climate would return to normal within about three years or so. Both satellite and surface-based measurements have confirmed that this was a remarkably accurate predic-

These results have important implications for atmospheric sciences. First, they confirm that large volcanic eruptions do play a significant, if short-lived role in climatic change. The Tambora eruption in Indonesia, which injected five to ten times more material into the stratosphere than Pinatubo, was responsibie, in 1816, for the year without summer" when exceptionally late frosts destroyed

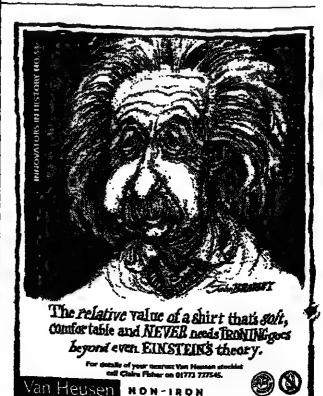
Secondly, the success of computer models of global climate in accurately predicting Pinatubo's impact is a feather in the cap of the modellers. If they are capable of handling the types of perturbation produced by volcanoes, we can have greater confidence that they are on the right track in predicting the overall effects of human activities. with our combined emissions of greenhouse gases, aerosols

and particulates. Thirdly, since the effects of Pinatubo have vanished, we can expect the warming of the global climate to revert to its upward trend (unless there is another big eruption soon). All of which explains why climatologists view a new eruption as being crucial to a better

understanding of climate. William Burroughs is writing a book on climate change for the Cambridge University Press.







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Stella Rimington became the first woman head of MI5 in 1992. Now, six months after retiring, she writes for the first time about the unique pressures of the job

f course, I never dinner given by a leading thought that life in British company, I found myretirement was going to be quite the same for me as for my predecessors. Nothing about my time as Director-General of MI5 had been predictable since it was decided that I was to be the first head of the service whose name should be publicly announced.

Though my predecessors' names became known gradually over time, for them there was nothing like that moment of shock when I suddenly emerged from the shadows, and the world, enthusiastically encouraged by the media. with **lascinated** amazement that the occupant of that previously most mysterious of jobs, head of MIS, was a woman. I became overnight a well-known public figure, "a celeb" as my colleagues scathingly put it even though for quite some time no one knew what I looked like.

To large sections of the media, peddling as usual their stereotyped views on the role of women, my appointment was a challenge. "Housewife Superspy," the tabloids trumpeled when my name was announced. "Mother of Two Gets Tough with Terrorists".

Let's put the little lady back in front of the kitchen sink where she belongs. Then there was the love interest, essential if there's a woman involved. My children and I, listening to Today on Radio 4 as we had breakfast one morning, heard What the Papers Say telling the nation that one tabloid had a headline "MI5 Boss in Secret Love Split". They rushed out to buy the paper to see what I had been up to but came back deflated. "Boring," was their verdict on the paper's revelation of the fact that my husband and I had been amicably separated for some

Not surprisingly, much con-fusion followed all this publicity in many people's minds. Was I an entertainment figure. a media figure, a female icon or what? How exactly did I fit in? I was quite clear - I wasn't any of those things. I was a public servant with a very serious job to do. A job which included a policy of explaining as much as could be explained about the role and workings of the Security Service, consistent with its remaining an effective security intelligence organisation. And consistent too with the position of a public servant accountable to ministers and Parliament.

So invitations to appear as a judge on Masterchef, to be interviewed by American Vogue und to be a guest on TV shows were turned down. As were, after a lot of thought, suggestions that I should be interviewed by serious com-mentators on TV, radio and in the press. But invitations to give the Richard Dimbleby Lecture and other public lectures were accepted and used as an opportunity to put on the record some basic facts about this fictionalised part of the defences of the country. A booklet was produced about One service and recruiting literature giving an idea of what a new entrant to the service might expect.

n four years or so it was never going to be possible to explain enough to dissipate all the myths generated by an industry of spy-story writers. And the explaining process will go on. pursued by my successor and his successor in their own unique way. Some myths will always remain and a degree of mystery will always be generated if the security and intelligence services are to remain effective. And in my retirement I am finding that the myths attach to me in a way that is sometimes rather

Some people seem to find me rather sinister. In particular they appear to think that I am in possession of detailed nformation about everyone's Fivate lives, I find this disturbing and not a little disappointing when I think how much effort I put in to explaining the limits on the activities of the Security Service. Was I

wasting my breath? The other evening, at a

self sitting at the same table as the Ambassador of a former Warsaw Pact country. I could see that he was anxious to unburden himself of some thing. Halfway through the first course, he suddenly announced to the rest of the table: "She knows the names of all my mistresses." A frisson passed around the table. My fellow guests, distinguished businessmen, vice-chancellors, politicians and Members of the House of Lords to a man, shifted uneasily in their seats. They more than half believed him. I could see them wondering did I know the names of their mistresses too? And what else did I know about them? From that point on they were very polite, but

Others are nervous of me for different reasons. They think I'll get them blown up. When I was appointed Director-General, some newspapers, very thoughtlessly and to my mind unforgivably, publicised my address. One prominently published a photograph of my house. Maybe they have learnt more sense since then.

I was interested to hear the Editor of one tabloid newspaper speaking on the radio a few weeks ago about his decision to name the Conservative members of the Home Affairs Select Committee who did not support a ban on handguns. His paper had published addresses at which the MP could be contacted so that the public could "Tell the Six Guilty MPs What You Think". He was indignant when it was suggested to him that it was irresponsible to publish the home addresses of the MPs. Of course, his paper would not be so stupid, he said, it was their constituency office addresses they had published. Such a well-developed. sensitivity is new, as I know to

ome members of the Islington middle class with whom I had quietly and happily shared a street for ten years suddenly turned quite nasty when they realised that they were living close to the Director-General of MI5.

They made it clear to me that they no longer wanted me as a neighbour. The message came over loud and clear; people like me should not live in ordinary places. One wrote to the local paper complaining that my helicopters constantly hovering overhead were disturbing his family - the helicopters were, in fact, connected with the policing of Arsenal football matches and had nothing at all to do with me. Another asked me not to leave for work just as he was taking his daughter to school, in case those trying to shoot me missed and hit them instead. So in my retirement I shall hope to find some braver neighbours than I found in

My family are hoping that we will not have to resort to living under an assumed name. It's bad enough, they say, having to have a PO box number as our address and getting all our mail late, but for goodness sake don't make us pretend to be someone else. They have not been trained in the covert life and they seem to me, perhaps as a reaction to my former profession, to be abnormally open and above-

When I was Director-General, in common with some other well-known people. I travelled using an alias to avoid my movements being easily traceable. One member of my family travelling with me had to have documents in the same false name that I was using. They found deceit so alien that they signed their



Out of the shadows: Rimington at her desk at MI5

documents in their real name not once but when the first ones had been replaced, a second time In the end I had to stand

over them while they signed. saying: "Your name is And you'd never get a job in the Security Service."

There are also, of course, people who think that an ex-Director-General of MI5 is not respectable person. They seem to be most common in the universities. These are the conspiracy theorists for whom the service is the tool of a repressive State. They are inclined to attach more weight to books which accuse the Security Service, and me in particular, of destabilising governments, undermining unions and penetrating pres-sure groups, than to all the now officially available information about the work of the service, the threats to national

security, the controls on the

service's activities, and the oversight and complaints mechanisms designed to prevent abuse of powers. Those people believe that former Director-Generals in retirement should be ostracised and excluded from decent society.

Thankfully for me, all those I've mentioned are the exceptions. There are many more for whom a former head of M15, particularly a female one, is a desirable after-dinner speaker, giver-away of prizes. opener of fétes and lecturer on all sorts of occasions. Enough I think to keep me busy for some time to come.

There are even some who think that such a person might have a useful contribution to make in other areas of life And even more, I am thankful to say, who see me as I see myself — another retired senior public servant who did an essential job for the State and



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Life after MI5 Stella Rimington on the pleasures of a 'normal' life



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Part One of a new series: Jason Cowley and Alex Garland warn of the difficulties and



The gap year has never been more popular. We examine the dilemmas it presents for both parents and children, and look at new research which shows the culture shock it can create

spend their gap year overseas are unprepared for the culture shock awaiting them. Last year GAP Activity around the world, in association with Bristol University, ran a study evaluating the effect on 500 students. Each was asked to complete a questionnaire three weeks after arriving at their placement.

"Early impressions are impor-tant," Dr David Mumford, senior lecturer in psychiatry at Bristol University, says. This is when the food, language and culture of a country seem most unfamiliar."

Not surprisingly cultural distance from Britain - in terms of climate, dress, language, food, religion and customs - was the strongest predictor. When instances of culture shock were plotted on a graph against distance. the result showed that Asian countries caused the most problems. Other difficulties were blamed

ost students choosing to on unhappiness at work, unpleasant physical surroundings, unpalatable food, ill-health, difficulty getting on with a GAP partner and restrictions on personal freedom.

"Of these, though, unrest in the workplace was by far the most significant." Dr Mumford says. Whether the student had contact with a GAP agent or was travelling with a partner was less important than whether he was happy in his work, got on with his boss or felt he was doing something valuable."

John Cornell, director of GAP, says that "overwhelming feelings of culture shock are unpleasant and may result in volunteers not completing their placement ... But cultural travel is always to some degree stressful: we do it because it is also rewarding. For most volunteers these emotional ups and downs are part of what is so worthwhile about the experience. Only a very few run into serious difficulties and elect to come

Who goes where

Given the opportunity, most students would take a year off. They are prevented from doing so only by lack of funds, or youthful inhibition, or both, according to Dawn Howell, of STA Travel. "Last year we asked 10,000 students what they would do if they were given an extra £2,000; more than 50 per cent said they would take time out to spend it on a round-the-world ticket," she says.

The number of students who have a gap year is surprisingly small. Exact figures are hard to come by but Richard Dermis, of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas), reports that in 1995, 17,134 out of 290,898 with firm offers deferred entry to university for 12 months; the figure in 1994 was 14,530. The number of students taking time out between university

PLAN YOUR YEAR'S and full-time employment is con-

siderably higher. The most popular destination for those going abroad in their gap year is Australia. "Students are eager to visit America, Australasia and Asia as part of a round-the-world ticket," Ms Howell says. The best country for working in is Australia, with most taking advantage of the availability of one-year working visas. Waitressing, bar work, fruit-picking and temping

are the preferred jobs." Other popular pursuits include English as a foreign language, doing voluntary work overeas, living on one of the 270 kibbutzim in Israel and, for women, working as an au pair.

College, Oxford, for historians, I could point to the ones who have had a year off. They seem so much more confident and assured; their experience also helps them to settle in to university life more easily. Living away from home does not

The key is to use your year off positively; it's no good just sitting around. If you can afford it, you should go abroad. The student may never have that much time on his hands again.

seem so strange.

Keith Dugdale, director of the pareers advisory service at the University of Manchester and UMIST, urges students embarking on a gap year to choose how they spend their time with care. "We feel it is a really good thing to do provided the time is not spent at

home working in a routine job. The student should undertake testing tasks, travel, do interesting things. "Employers have a good attitude towards those who have had a gap

year, especially if it has been well

used. They feel that the extra

experience gives young people a chance to work out their ideas and beliefs, so that they return to their studies with renewed commitment and determination. It also looks good on the CV." ut some educationists are more circumspect. "The

main problem with a year abroad is that it has to be carefully planned to be worthwhile," says Shewan Duthie, careers master at Robert Gordon College in Aberdeen. "All too often I have seen it used simply as a means of getting a break from the academic grind and, in the process, the pupils concerned have broken good study

Adrienne Irving, personnel man-

ager for the Leeds office of Grant Thornton, an international firm of business advisers, says employers are impressed if students have shown initiative or developed new skills, such as learning a language. What is important is what students have made of their opportunities. If it has built their personality, taught self-sufficiency, the ability to budget, given maturity, this is an asset. If these qualities do not emerge, then the fact that they have missed this opportunity to develop would probably count against

Margaret Murray, head of the CBI's education policy group, agrees: "Employers are not impressed by the sort of travel where you wander round the world with a rucksack dreaming. If a young person can answer the question: What has been achieved as a result of the year?, then we would be interested in interviewing them."

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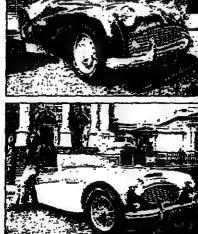
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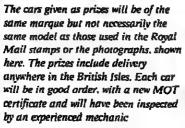
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Through the moral minefield

SUNAMOSNA

school and bought a one-way ticket to Bangkok. His intention was to see the world before university sucked the will out of him. He planned to spend some time in Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and finally, Tokyo.

We will skip five months. Not that the five months aren't worth hearing, but in a way the story is told just as well by passing them over, and instead describing where Jim ended up.

Deeply in love, first, with Appen — a beautiful prostitute whose house he now shared. Secondly, in a Bangkok squatter camp, living with the huge community of girls and boys who worked the Patpong go-go bars. Thirdly, intoxicated on the extraordinary world he had stumbled into, not to mention the various drugs he was taking. Having never smoked a joint, Was now

pharmaecutical enthusiast. Jim's story ended when a team of private detectives, hired by his parents, managed to track him down. One night, lying in bed with Appen, the door of the shack was kicked open. Three men bundled in. Jim was bundled out and the next thing he knew he was on plane to London.

For the sake of any nervous parent whose kids are about to go travelling, it's worth bearing in mind that what happened to Jim was pretty musual. But having said that, it is worth bearing in mind that there are some aspects to Jim's experience that are not unusual. In fact, they are a recurring feature of many accounts of gap-year travel.

Jim had never smoked a joint before flying to Thailand and, prior to meeting Appen, Jim would not have slept with Nothing much to do with

Aids: he disapproved of prostitution on moral grounds, particularly in a country where girls are made to enter brothels by force, coercion and poverty. But within a week of arrival in Thailand, everything had turned around. That is not to say that, if Jim had stayed in England, he would have always continued to avoid drugs and prostitutes. One can be reasonably



Alex Garland: tourists try to carve up continents into theme parks

sure that the turnaround would have taken a lot longer than seven days,

I empathise with Jim a great deal. Speaking for myself, as a naive 18-year-old. I flew to an exotic land where it was clear that many of the rules of home no longer applied. From this, in some way, a subconscious conclusion was reached that all of the rules of home no longer

ears of classrooms and exams, with further years of work or university on the horizon, encourage the instinct to go a little wild. Suddenly a country like Thailand can seem an adult's Disneyland.

Needless to say, Disney land for adults does not exist (unless you count Disneyland itseif). All countries have rules. It is up to the tourist to find out what they are.

The issues involved in travelling outside the West are spectacularly intricate. Drugs aside, simply by haggling with guest-house owners we can upset fragile local economies. By turning up in countries with repressive regimes we can aid the regimes' survival. By lying on a beach we encourage a tourist industry

that can damage farming or fishing communities. It's easy to make mistakes, while weaving through this moral minefield, and even easier when just out of school.

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FEATURES 17

temptations ahead; Giles Coren stays put; Rachel Campbell-Johnston goes to the Andes

There is absolutely nothing at all to be said for taking a year out hetween school and university and using it to travel the world. Supporters of the gap-year fraud claim that it broadens the mind. As if a broad mind were of any use at all in settling down to the miserable grist of a workaday existence — in life, it is only those with the very narrowest horizons who survive.

Personally, and for a great many reasons, I was determined to avoid a gap

year. But it was a hard fight.

The first disaster was that my chosen university insisted that I took a year off. "You will be very welcome in 1989," they said. "But you need to mature." Mature? I was not a cheese. Did that venerable begowned gentleman actually believe that to pick up an exotic venereal disease in a Peruvian brothel or to lose my right arm wrestling with an alligator in the Amazon would in some way make me keener to read Spenser?

I will never know. All I do know is that i was stuck, in July 1987 when the school year ended, with the prospect of 15 months before I started university with nothing to do, and no money. I really

Forget adventure: concentrate on broadening the bank balance

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Soon after term ended some friends headed off to canoe up the Yangtze. I was invited but declined. "But this is your last chance to do your own thing," they cried. I refused to concede this.

I believed then, and still believe, that any time I want to sit in a Tibetan mud hut with amoebic dysentery, swapping Rough Guides and even rougher skin diseases, or buy a leather ankle-bracelet in Bangkok and "like, never taking it off

even when I die", then I will. What is more, even if I had wanted to go away I couldn't have afforded it. At first, when I was still reasonably open to the idea of leaving London, I truly believed that I would be able to work, save up, and go. How little I knew. It was as futile as the ancient dream of hard work and early retirement. My first job was in Harrods toy

of elf in Santa's Grotto in the three months before Christmas. £3.13 per hour before tax, about eighty quid a week to take home. You do not travel far on that. Most of it goes on satisfying the 'yabadabadoo" beer-drinking instinct that comes every evening at half past five. The grimness of the working day means that every penny is sucked into winding down. And remember, this is the most cash you have ever seen in your life — at that age, it just doesn't allow itself to build up. No, in the gap year as in life, once you are locked into gainful employment, it is impossible to get out. It is the private income posse who

travel. Dosh from Daddy. Tooling

round America with his corporate plastic, or backpacking round Bali, dossing in Amex-friendly hotels. They will say that they "worked" for their round-the-air ticket, meaning either "Grampa paid me for my A-level results" or "I earned nine pounds walking the neighbour's dog and my parents paid the rest". It is they, and only they, who go away.

But, and here is the point, I learnt

more about life, death, and the nature of humanity in the 15 months that I spent in London than anyone who came back from the depths of South-East Asia saying, "Man. on Ko Samui you could buy a hut on the beach, a good woman, and three bags of the finest sensimelia.

enlivening to work a till in Knightsbridge and see what happens to a posh woman in a Hermes scarf when her credit card won't work.

I worked in the Brompton National Heart Hospital, in the cleansing and sterilising unit on the top floor, with a dozen middle-aged Vietnamese women, scraping tumorous organs out of blue plastic kidney bowls and hosing out as much of the clotted plasma as I could before sending it down to be used again. Now, you learn an awful lot more about Vietnam by watching the games an elderly Vietnamese lady can play with an extracted European kidney, than you would from any number of months spent yomping along the Mekong. I was pencilled in for a cricket tour of

and recurring dysentery for that?

cancelled because, as a busy elf, it was a difficult period to take off. And after the hospital work was endless months with a north London market research company. They even sued me for breach of contract when I left to take up my

university place.

The ones who travelled in the Third World, or dug ditches, or saved pandas or bits of the Berlin Wall are mostly bankers and lawyers now, satisfied that six months of sunshine in their late teens will see them through their miserable existence. They did it only to earn the right to feel good about prostituting the rest of their lives. I simply started earlier,

and had longer to adjust.

Whatever you do in your gap year, you do not mature, but merely age, And wherever you spend your time it is wasted. You did not need the time off then, you need it now. It is worth bearing in mind that, however good you might think your gap year was, if you hadn't taken it you would be a year younger now. And who wouldn't give up their raggedy old Kurdish carpet bag

GILES COREN

'I learnt to survive by selling earrings'

SOUTH AMERICA

Latin

uring my year out I was often asked: 'Doesn't your mother care about you?" Family-minded Latin Americans were perplexed to find a 17-year-old girl drifting unaccompanied around their continent. But I had never doubted my mother's solicitude. Rather, I was grateful that she cared for us enough to waive her own anxieties aside and let us wend our ways

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tween school and be as unpredictable as the teenagers who embark on them. I began mine working at sea level as a shepherdess in the Falkland Islands, and ended it more than 13,000 whistle' feet up in the altiplano of Peru.

Leaving home in August 1981, I travelled, via Buenos Aires, to southern Argentina, where I caught a flight to Port Stanley. From there a Beaver floatplane took me on to Pebble Island. a forlorn ribbon of land ripped by vicious Atlantic tides.

Pebble, I was told, was owned by two elderly spinsters from Tunbridge Wells who, not unsurprisingly, had never been there. It was inhabited somewhat feudally — by a farm manager who lived in the big house" and five shepherds and their families whose whitewashed cottages lined a

sheltered bay. Newly sprung from the

school, I was furnished with my own do-it-yourself independence kit: a red-roofed cottage with a stack of peat to fuel the rusting kitchen range. two sheepdogs in a kennel out at the back and a string of rangy horses in the paddock. There was an ill-tempered ungulate to give me milk every morning and a carcass of mutton deposited every week. Looking back, I am glad

that I travelled alone. Without 'A love of prejudices, I acanother culture at face value. I have often been asked America whether I found it tedious to be conand a fined on a windraked islet with shepherd's only a handful of people and a few penguins for com-

> was no cynicism to needle my enchantment, and the months I spent there created an internal landscape of delight. Of course I can think of times of loneliness and boredom. But all my emotional recollections are of unbridled happiness.

There was another benefit also to be reaped from my time in the Falklands. With nothing to spend money on, I saved my wages for a further adventure. In March 1982, when the shearing season was over. I set off to travel overland to Peru.

intensive Spanish language course. But by the time I confines of a convent boarding



The culture shock of living in some impoverished corner of the world can seem overwhelming but the experience may help to build up the gap-year traveller's resilience

declared war and a task force was furrowing its way across the South Atlantie. Evidently, my return ticket to the Falklands on an Argentine military flight was no longer valid.

in Lima I threw myself on pany. But I didn't. the mercy of an alarmed Jesuit priest who found me lodging and work with a community of At the time there nuns. I began to teach five-year-olds in a shanty town school on the outskirts of the capital. The arrival of a redheaded "gringita" in the shanty appeared to be the most exciting event that had happened there since the knifing of a policmen the week before. I moved amid buzzing clouds

of gaping children. The culture shock brought me juddering to a halt. I had never even lived in a city before, let alone one like this. The long bus journey up the spine of Chile doubled as an "I don't think I can bear it," I sobbed to the priest after the first week. "It was your choice to come," he replied. "Imagine reached Peru, Britain had what it is like for the poor who

have no option but to live here." At the time I was too swamped by self-pity to take his words in, but perhaps the fact that I still think of them

today means something. I learnt to love living there to adapt myself and be resilient. When my money ran out I learnt to make earrings which I sold on the street. In the end, I found myself

working on an irrigation project in the high Andes where I learnt to speak Quechua, the Indian language, and survive on black potatoes. By the time I got back to England I didn't want to go to university any more. "Just try it," cajoled my mother. "You can always give up if you don't like it." Predictably, I stayed. My year out left a a passion for Lann America, and a shepherd's whistle which can hail a taxi across a busy road.

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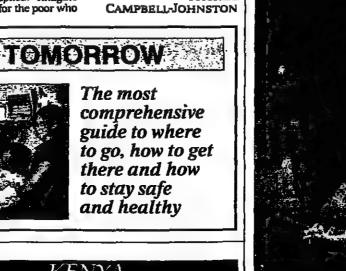
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BBC PROMS

A Last Night well-judged

rison Birtwistle's piece fuelled controversy after last year's Last Night of the Proms. But the new work on Saturday was a shrewd choice by Nicholas Kenyon, for Concerto in Pieces by the Danish composer Poul Ruders is both an admirable composition and palatable to a general audience. The Concerto, commis-

sioned last year for the BBC's Music Live '95 weekend in Birmingham, is a latter-day Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. based on the "Ho-ho-ho" Witches' Chorus from Dido and Aeneas, and demon-strating what the BBC Symphony Orchestra's tubular bells and gongs sound like when immersed in pails of water.

In Shostakovich's Concerto for Piano, Trumpet and Strings the soloists were Joanna MacGregor and John Wallace, the former dazzling as much with her fingerwork as with the orange and black creation in which she appeared. There was also Malcolm

Offenbach, Berlioz and Puccini, delivered in inimitable style by Felicity Lott and Ann Murray. The mock-rivalry of the latter pair, provoked by unequal bouquets, led to a hilariously acted version of Weyse's Cat Duet and the claws were still out for their orgamentation of Rule, Britannia - a purist's

nightmare, The ritual outbreak of collective insanity in the Albert Hall was joined by another 25,000 revellers in Hyde Park, linked by video. Andrew Davis announced some impressive statistics for the season: record attendances (89 per cent sold for the main evening concerts). and a healthy infusion of first-time and younger Promgoers - all this in a season containing major contemporary works. Classical music, it seems, is still on its feet.

MILLINGTON

Pride and joy

SIR Georg Solti's Beethoven is not for delicate sensibilities. Beefy, busy and brassy, it is a great show-man's vision rather than a philosopher's. But a great show is exactly what the Choral Symphony on the Proms' penultimate night should be, and Solti's ebullient reading fitted the bill

perfectly. That was certainly the eople's verdict. After the blistering final bars their cheers for the 83-year-old conductor lasted practically ment - and Solti is not a man to rush his Adagio in the currently modish man-

He was conducting his old pride and joy, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The Chicago strings don't have quite the sweet strength displayed by the Berlin Philharmonic when it came to the Albert Hall a formight ago, but they played the Adagio with a beautiful touch. The wood-

wind chording was without blemish: the brass and timpanist supplied massive clout when required - and Solti's Beethoven is nothing if not cloutful. Occasionally the strings

raced slightly ahead of the wind, but that might have been because they were closer to Solti: those flashing eyes have not lost their mesmerising power. They had their effect, too, on the singers. After a brilliant bass recitative by Rene Pape, and spirited contribu-Anne Sofie von Otter and Johan Botha, the 85 professionals of the BBC Singers and London Voices punched out a thrilling Ode to

Earlier the BBC Singers. conducted by Jane Glover, had revelled in the lush harmonies of Bruckner's motets. Altogether a night of sonorous grandeur.

RICHARD MORRISON

A free man in Tinseltown

Carol Allen talks to maverick

Hollywood actor Kurt Russell

about life, love, libertarianism and the need to escape from LA

wit Russell gives the sion of being a "pretty cool guy". His manner is open and relaxed and he enjoys talking, he says, with anybody from high-ranking studio executives to the London cabbies whose ears he had been bending during his short stay in London. He also has a quick mind and there is something about him which suggests an iron determination beneath the laid-back manner. His eyes, masked in real life by gold-rimmed glasses rather than the famous Snake Plissken eyepatch, can turn from dancing laughter to blazing impatience when cer-

tain subjects are raised. Snake is the tough maverick Russell first played 15 years ago in John Carpenter's movie Escape from New York, a role he now reprises in Carpenter's new film Escape from LA,

which opens in Britain on Friday. It has been said that the character is an amaigam of real-life characteristics from both director and actor.
"I think that's

true." Russell says. "John is by nature anti-authoritarian. I am by nature libertarian. Snake

is both of those things. He can't stand authority but he has no regard for it because of one simple incorruptible belief: don't tread on me and I won't tread on you. And for an

actor he's fun to play." Fun is something which has been virtually eliminated from the early 2ist-century America of the film, which satirises many of the obsessions of the present day, creating a world nonconformity, along with smoking, eating red meat and wearing fur, are crimes as heinous as murder. As Russell says: "America is swamped by the idea of living more safely, living longer. The quality of life and the individual's desire don't seem to be what the world's about right now. I'd

rather do what I want." The Los Angeles of the film has been turned by a massive earthquake into an isolated island of anarchy and a dumping ground for the moral lawbreakers of this not-so-brave new world. Beverly Hills is a slum ruled by hoodlums, while one of the leading citizens is the Surgeon General, who kidnaps passers-by for spare parts to repair his botched facelift jobs.

Russell and Carpenter first talked about making a sequel built around an LA cut off by earthquake, back in 1983, two years after the original. "Then in 1994," Russell says, "the North Ridge earthquake happened, the riots over Rodney King, the mudslides, all that drive-by shooting. It became a city that was being increasing ly defined by its violence and natural catastrophes. I told John, this place is more than ever perfect to escape from and

to put Snake into. Russell co-wrote the film with Carpenter and acted as co-producer with Debra Hill.

But though this is the first time he has received those par-6 The only ticular screen credits, it is not the first thing that time he has ful-filled those tasks. matters is On Tombstone, for example, he took what's on an uncredited producing role. On his screen 7 Breakdown, he

> director Jonathan Mostow on the script and helped to get the movie produced.

> or the past ten years Russell has been writing on the movies he has worked on. though not as much as on this. Before, i always took a project that already existed and worked with the writer and the director. In the case of were starting from scratch, we felt it was important that my involvement and commitment be displayed for the studios that we'd be trying to sell the project to. That was the only son I took credit on this. But I don't care about credits. As far as I'm concerned the only thing that matters is what's on the screen. I don't care how it got there."

Although he is now 45, in the opening scenes of the new film Russell is able to wear the same costume he wore 15 years ago. But when he is asked whether he shares the American obsession with keeping fit, it seems to touch a nerve. "I don't find the people I know who work out are obsessed with it. But the media is obsessed with writing about it. All they can do is pigeonhole that person as an idiot, a blockhead who works out."

The button pressed here is the idea of pigeonholing, which is anathema to him. He reacts similarly when talking



They like to find specifically what you do, then they can promote it. It's more difficult for them to take an actor like me who is at heart a character actor. There's no persona they can promote. In the past three years they've been far more comfortable in trying to promote me as an action actor, when in fact what I did in Executive Decision was play the guy who was not the action man, it doesn't make any difference to me because I'm

fortunate enough to be able to

and getting paid lots of money." Russell, son of the baseball player-turned-actor Bing Rusself, has been acting since he was nine years old. An Emmynominated title performance in John Carpenter's television film Elvis brought the adult Russell to public attention and also marked the beginning of a friendship and professional collaboration which has em-

braced five films and 17 years. The other important longterm relationship with which Russell is associated is his personal partnership with the

years. Although they have never married, they have one of the most stable partnerships

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no value to me," Russell says. "I enjoy my life with Goldie as it is. I just think that sometimes there are people who meet, who are destined to love each other forever. I feel that's the way Goldie and I are."

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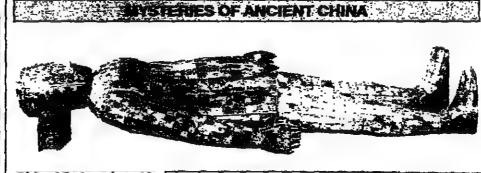
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THEATRE: Ben Elton's new play about Hollywood violence; plus the London fringe

Asking the right questions

en Elion's play asks good questions. The underlying one is, must we admit responsibility for our actions, particularly those that damage us, or is it OK to look around for someone else to blame?

Rising out of this general question comes another, which Elton uses for his play's dramatic engine: do movies that present killing as cool and witty assist people to go out and kill?

This particular question has become timely, with films by Quentin Tarantino and Oliver Stone accused of inspiring copycat murders. In Screen Violence, the collection of essays just published by Bloomsbury, John Grisham directly connects the actions of two teenage killers in Mississippi to Stone's Natural Born, Killers. (Stone contributes an uneasy defence of his

Popcorn Nottingham Playhouse

film.) Elton's play completes the circle by bringing a complacent director face to face, then mouth to muzzle, with two such killers in his Hollywood mansion.

On the night that Bruce Delamitri (note the Italian name) wins the Oscar for his film Ordinary Americans he brings an aspiring actress back home, to find it occupied by gun-toting Wayne and his adoring girl Scout. Their random killings over four states have earned them the name The Mall Murderers" and surely nothing can save them from the electric chair. But Wayne has a plan. "These days, no matter how guilty you are you're still innocent - provided you've got an

Delamitri's film shall be that excuse, with its 57 killings (Wayne has counted), bursts of rock music accompanying the gunfire, and its witty asides that make murder marvellously funny. He must go on coast-to-coast television, take the blame, and Wayne and Scout will be saved. More than that, they will acquire heroic status, their faces on Tshirts throughout the land.

This is the essence of the play, not exactly based on Elton's bestselling novel because he appears to have

A SHOW called The Lives of the Saints sounds positively medieval, but Sebastian Baczkiewicz's tolerable new play at the Old Red Lion. Islington, focuses on a girlvisionary, a mystical healer in

Teresa (Julia Tarnoky, magnetic, though hard to take as a juvenile) was at convent school. However, when she cured a nun of cancer a smalltime magician called Telemann (Osmund Bullock) took her on the road. In Liverpool she raised a woman from the dead. Now she is big business. Telemann has been reduced to Teresa's minder, her management taken over by Carlson

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Patrick O'Kane (left) is Wayne Hudson and Vincenzo Nicoli is Bruce Delamitri in Ben Elton's play Popcorn

worked on both together. Of the two, the book is the better, richer in detail, ingenious in-style. The play takes a good half-hour to raise itself above scene-setting that is not only slow but confusing. Hasty writing presents Delamitri as crass, his wife as a bitch, his teenage daughter a spoilt brat.

But as soon as Wayne and Scout emerge through the floor, at first Indistinguishable from characters in the film, the play starts tugging at the mind-strings. This is because Elton writes bitingly real dialogue for these chuckling psychopaths. And the acting here is outstanding. Delamitri, on the

other hand, comes across as a one-noter, and Vincenzo Nicoli is hardpressed to bring variety into the usual excuses that an artist must express himself, reflect society as he sees it, and so forth. Elton may wish to expose these arguments as shallow but he does not find an interesting way to do

Whereas Patrick O'Kane's agile, wiry and wily young killer and Dena Davis's gutsy, giggling Scout are the focus of our attention. They possess the energy, they control the action. Even those who attack devils must concede that the best lines gravitate their way,

which is part of the problem Elton is

He offers no answer, content to bring the matter to our attention, and in the lucid direction of Laurence Boswell his play is both stimulating and suspense-ful. It is scattered with neat jokes: Delamitri's fawning acceptance speech, Wayne and Scout sweet-talking over a balcony as if Romeo and Juliet. If not a perfect piece of work, it is properly of its time. The stage body count is only two but don't miss the

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cartoons yet are instantly recognisable ordinary Joes, comic yet mournful. The body language is also startling. Under the neutral expressions are touchingly real bodies: a young man awkwardly gangly in his charity-shop jumper; a housewife slowly kneading

dough in her dressing gown. This production really falls down when it introduces unmasked actors who talk. Kate and Steve are teenage sweethearts having a crisis, Kate having got pregnant. Rosalind Paul and Charlie Woods play the pair with nice vigour but

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Baczkiewicz's ideas about good and evil, saints and too long, guessing characters' relationships and wondering where you are. The set does not help, combining shabby furniture with walls that suggest celestial crazy-paving. deep blue with gold cracks. Still Patrick Kealey assembles a good fringe cast and Baczkiewicz offers amusing bursts of madness.

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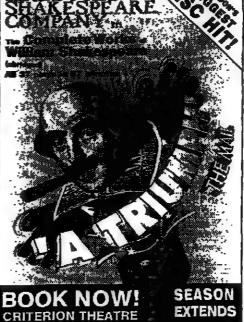
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If consciousness is entirely subjective, some popular questions about it are meaningless

ast month Nigel Hawkes, The Times's science editor, organised a series of features on the mystery of consciousness. A recurring question was whether computers might in time achieve this. It was significant that none of the contributing writers - doubters or believers in the possible consciousness of machines — could cite any behaviour normally associated with consciousness which must always be beyond machines. All agree they could seem to be

I have been giving thought to this, I think the reasons we might deny that an apparently conscious machine really is so are also reasons to deny that other people are conscious.

If I could make a machine able both to speak and to write and "teach" it to use the word "I", would you say the machine possessed a sense of personal identity? Perhaps not. And if I taught it how and when to use the words "feel" and "think" and taught it to reply "yes" to the question "Are you conscious?", would you say that it was conscious?

If it learnt to preface probable statements with the words "I think", would you accept that it was thinking? And if during the time-lapses in which the machthinking ine is processing. it were to declare "Let me think," computer might you then allow that this

was what it was doing? Perhaps not; so imagine I were to teach it a more sophisticated skill. Asked What do you mean when you say 'feel' or 'think' or by conscious of your own identity?", my machine could be programmed to conduct an extensive wordsearch and reply by offering synonyms for these terms. So, after saying "Give me a while to think and a pause, it might eventually reply "Well, the best I can do is offer some of the other expressions people use to describe consciousness — such as 'sentience'. 'perceive' and 'know'. You ask what I 'mean', but one cannot do more, you know, than say the same thing in different words. There's no

my own consciousness.
"Like you I do feel, I do think, I am conscious. You will just have to take my word for that. I talk and behave like you, don't !? What more can you ever know?" Will you now, reader, accept that this machine is conscious?

way I can invite you to share

Weil, why not? My parents have aiready made such a machine. They begat me. By instruction and (more importantly) by example, they taught their machine to respond as described above. Because the way that their machine is made - we call it reproduction - introduces differences from the originals, and because the programming was quite haphazard and often outside their control, the machine is not its makers' clone or slave, and now operates independently. But in essentials of behaviour, it resem-

bles them. And will you now recognise that this human machine is conscious? You will? But what proof have 1 offered that could not be offered by a computer, when we make them sophisticated enough?

None. Indeed no proof can ever be offered, by either man or machine. As Roger Scruton hinted in Nigel Hawkes's series, no proof of consciousness can be forthcoming from any mechanism — animal, mineral or vegetable - except to itself. We know how we feel (and that we feel) but all we can ever know of another is that it speaks and behaves as we do, and that we are conscious. The rest is

It might all be an amazing touchy-feely hologram show organised by some deceiving creator: a divine joke. Or we might be the creators; my own consciousness is all I can ever know.

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the fascinating Times discussion about consciousness must therefore be relegated to the status of a subsidiary question. There can be

no point in asking whether a machine might be conscious until we are satisfied that if it were this could be demonstrated. But as I have shown, it could not be. It could only be demonstrated that a machine is behaving as though conscious.

ar from devising a way to establish whether whether a computer could attain human consciousness, we cannot even establish that other human beings have. We never will. Since the question "Can one know that anything beyond oneself is conscious?" has failed, the subsidiary question. "Can a machine achieve consciousness?", fails before it is posed.

That bit is easy. It adds nothing to Berkeley and Descartes. Where I come unstuck is with one little phrase that I used earlier. It is a tautology, I observed, to say I cannot experience an experience which is

But tautologies tell us nothing except the definition of words; yet when I say I do not know whether you experience, I believe myself to be saying something significant. My own argument. however, points to the opposite: that all statements about the experience of others are meaningless.

I cannot resolve this. I am getting out of my depth and must turn back to shore. My ducks need feeding.

Which politician can say his policies would not kill jobs and kill democracy? John Redwood can

television survivor. More than 30 years after his first appearances on That Was The Week That Was, he has made Sunday morning's Breakfast with Frost the political television show that no commentator can afford to miss. Yesteray he had a clip from his own interview with Norma Major, which showed that she is indeed a Tory asset, sensible, likeable, thoroughly sympathetic. The main interview was with John Redwood, following up Redwood's Amsterdam speech on Friday, in which he criticised the European policies of the German

Chancellor, Helmut Kohl. This was by any standards a good interview. John Redwood has become a relaxed television performer. Partly because he is out of office and can freely say what he thinks, and partly because of his intelligence - he was a Fellow of All Souls his arguments are clearer and therefore more forceful than those of most leading politicians. As a personal performance this interview compared favourably with Frost interviews with John Major and Tony Blair, John Redwood may never lead a British party — that is always a matter of luck — but to judge by this performance he is of leadership quality.

The importance of the Amsterdam speech and the Frost interview, however, lies more in the argument than in the person. In Amsterdam John Redwood described Chancellor Kohl as the "architect of misery" in Europe. "It is he who insists that Europe sticks to its preposterous timetable for economic, monetary and then political union"; in his Frost interview, Redwood referred to the high levels of unemployment in Europe, a quarter of the Spanish workforce, an eighth in France and Italy, a tenth in Germany; he pointed out that the preparations for a single currency were deflating Europe's

Deflate the big idea, not our economies

high-unemployment economy still further, and could be expected to continue to do so. In Amsterdam he had attacked Kohl's "policies of high exchange rates and, until recently, high interest rates, throttling the productive potential of the economies, closing factories and lengthening dole queues". In talking to Frost, he argued that the people of Europe care much more about jobs and the realities of their own lives than about the arcane structures of the European Union. That must

Unemployment is now the central European issue, and the single cur-rency programme is making it much worse. This programme depends on Chancellor Kohl. Without him, and his dangerous sense of destiny, the single currency project would vanish overnight. Of course it is supported by subsidiary characters in Germany and elsewhere, but without Kohl it would not be happening. It has already produced the European unemployment which John Redwood describes. Britain has the lowest unemployment of a major European country precisely because we were forced out of the exchange-rate mechanism, and therefore have an internationally competitive exchange rate. If we had been able to stay in which both the Government and the Opposition wanted to do - we would have at least another million unemployed. If the single currency comes into being, then the prospect is that unemployment in Europe will

continue to rise, and it will rise in

Britain if we join. The European Central Bank - a piece of arcane machinery if ever there was one - will have absolute power over European interest-rate and exchange-rate policies, and considerable power over national budgets. This is an appointed body. which cannot be turned out in any election, national or European. It is a bureaucratic dictatorship. It has no responsibility to maintain high employment, but an overriding respon-

William Rees-Mogg

sibility to maintain stable prices. whatever suffering that may cause. The single currency means two things. In political terms, it takes economic policy away from our elected national Parliament and hands it over to unelected European officials, In economic terms, it starts from the present high level of European unemployment, will continue to deliate through the conver-gence process, and will then deliate further when it is fully established. It

will kill democracy and kill jobs. On Friday the Bundestag passed an austerity programme to cut £30 billion off next year's budget deficit in Germany. The purpose is to reduce the deficit to the 3 per cent level allowed by the Maastricht criteria. This is a dellationary package, and it may not reduce the deficit by as much as is hoped. It will certainly tend to increase unemployment. With four million Germans already out of work, the dole has been cut, job promotion programmes have been cut, and retirement ages are being raised, from 63 to 65 for men, and from 60 to 65 for women. These retirement changes will be phased, but these are all measures calculated to raise the level of unemployment. At this notable victory over the jobs of the German people, Chancellor Kohl slapped his thighs with delight, each hearty slap putting 10,000 more Germans on the dole.

nemployment is not the only political problem in Europe: widespread corruption, as in Belgium, anger against immigrants, as in France, and regional claims to independence, as in northern Italy, are all symptoms of a profound political disturbance. Yet the immigration and regional issues reflect the failure of European competitiveness. Unless the major European countries can reverse the rise in unemployment, they have little chance of solving their other problems.

What are the political implications in Britain? There is no doubt that Conservative policy on the single currency is somewhat more satisfactory than Labour's. The Conservatives are

at least committed to a referendum if a Conservative Government in the next Parliament should want to join the single currency. The Labour Party is not. Yet both parties still have a gaping hole in their policies. Neither John Major nor Tony Blair will say whether he will join the

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single currency or not. This is a contempt of the electorate. Do you want to abandon British democracy? Do you want another million unemployed? Tick the box for 'yes", "no", or "maybe". The leaders of both the main parties would now tick the boxes for "maybe", while Paddy Ashdown would tick the boxes

John Major himself does not want to join the single currency; as Chancellor of the Exchequer, he took us into the exchange-rate mechanism, and perhaps feels once bitten, twice shy. Yet he will not commit himself not to go into a single currency in the next Parliament, because he is afraid of losing Kenneth Clarke. If that is still his position when the general election comes, John Major will thoroughly deserve

What about Tony Blair? He is an able man. He has done a decisive job of leadership in reforming the constitution and policies of the Labour Party, much for the better. Yet he leans further towards the single currency. He has not yet even promised a referendum, but is still trying to fudge both the currency and referendum issues. That is not tolerable. If he wants to take Britain into a single currency, he should say so. All the arguments are already known; there are no secret facts to be discovered after the election. Does he want to liquidate British democracy? Does he want another million unemployed? Will he be Helmut Kohl's pink poodle? At the general election the politicians will be asking us, as electors, to trust them. We cannot trust them if they will not trust us.

A party for its members

Tony Blair's Labour Party is not going

to be pushed around in government

by the unions, says Peter Riddell

ony Blair is trying to create a new party out of an old one. and the strains of the transformation have begun to show. The past week's problems have really been about a culture clash between the enthusiasts for "new" Labour, such as Stephen Byers and Kim Howells, speaking out of turn or at least too candidly, and the stal-warts of "old" Labour, bernused by the pace of change.

There is no hidden agenda, Mir Blair has always been open about his desire to turn Labour into a new party. Look at New Britain: My Vision of a Young Country, his just published collection of speeches. He is scathing about the inadequacies of the traditional structure based on the trade union block vote and the undue weight given to producer interests.

Labour leftwingers are wrong to argue that Mr Blair is trying to turn the party into an SDP Mark IL Of course, he is a social democrat at heart, but he has no desire to repeat the SDP experience. The SDP failed. What Mr Blair wants is to create a successful broadly based centre-left party. That means building on the existing Labour foundations, not starting afresh on a greenfield site. The main emphasis has been on in-

creasing the number of members and giving them a bigger role. The decisive event of his leadership so far has been the rewriting of Clause Four, when he called the bluff of union leaders and mobilised individual party and union members in favour of change. He hopes to repeat this next month when the party's pre-manifesto is put to a ballot of party members.

Union leaders dislike this threat to their power and regard Mr Blair as unsympathetic - and they are right. He is impatient over what he regards as "daft" resolutions adopted by

union conferences demanding commitments which Labour cannot give. And he has stressed that business and the unions will be treated alike by a Labour government.

The unions are already less domi-nant within the party. Their relative share of conference votes has fallen from a peak of 90 per cent to 50 per cent how. While they see that as the minimum possible, the Bisirites do not. And union sponsorship has been changed so that the money goes to local parties and not even nominally to Labour M.Ps, who anyway never benefited personally. Mr Blair and Gordon Brown also

want to signal now that the arrival of a Labour government would not mean granting the demands of the unions, as happened in 1974-75. Admittedly, Labour proposals would increase union rights over, for example, recognition, but most of the reforms since 1979 would remain. Mr Brown has warned public-sector unions against expecting big catching-up pay rises; a continued squeeze is more likely. A Blair government might respond to an outbreak of strikes by seeking support in a bellot of party members - although "back me or sack me" exercises can go wrong.

But a formal divorce, severing the links between the unions and Labour, is unlikely over the next few years. Such a complete break would be too much for many Labour MPs and activists, most of whom are also union members. The Blairites see benefits in only gradual separation. not least because the unions still contribute more than a half of the party's funds. That is, admittedly, down from more than three-quarters a decade ago, but the party cannot count on any shortfall being permanently offset by the current wave of wealthy individual donors or by the sharp rise in individual membership.



Tony Blair flanked by John Monks and Brendan Barber of the TUC

Both are to some extent temporary features associated with the populari-

A precondition for an institutional break from the unions is finding a secure alternative source of finance. Labour has said it wants to examine state funding. This already exists in

the form of limited help for the work of opposition parties in Parliament and in the law that requires the broadcasters to provide "free" airtime for the parties. But any extension to

provide money for parties' election

campaigning — as in Germany, France and Italy — would be highly

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unpopular and would risk creating a new form of dependency, by making the parties more centralised and less inclined to seek individual members. A more acceptable alternative might be to make small donations or individual subscriptions to parties tax-deductible, as in Germany. Beigium and The Netherlands.

If the union link declines further, a strong individual membership is essential, not just financially but also in terms of organisation. Even in America, where the unions are historically weak and do not have a formal voting role in the Democratic Party, they provide many of its local activists and much of the money and effort in election campaigns, as was seen at the Chicago convention last month. In France, the Socialists have tradiunions and the party has been prone to factionalism and ideological

n Britain, the unions were the ballast that prevented Labour from being taken over by ideological zealots in the 1930s and the 1950s, which why is past right-ofcentre leaders from Hugh Gaitskell to John Smith defended their role. But Mr Blair questions the right of union leaders to speak on behalf of their much smaller numbers of members now, when class and political identities are looser. His reforms have also sidelined activist zealots as much as unions. A lot, however, rides on the good sense of individual party members, as well as their pockets.

Distancing Labour from the unions may be good electoral politics, even though the latest rows give the impression of disunity and a lack of direction, and may produce a union backlash at the party conference in a fortnight's time. Mr Blair will seek to regain the initiative in a speech this evening by highlighting how a Labour government would seek to change Britain. In the long term. however, the real question is whether the "new" party he is creating will have deep and strong enough roots whether it is possible to have a centreleft party not based on class and union interests.

Regal style

Wales and the Duchess of York. In the fashion war that is the modern Royal Family, New York has picked its winner: the Queen. Kenar, a Manhattan fashion house, has launched a poster and newspaper advertising campaign for its autumn range which fea-

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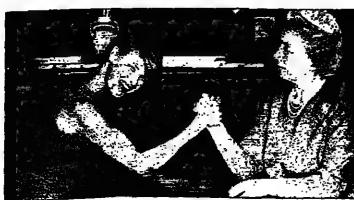
Evangelista arm-wrestling with a

lookalike of Her Majesty in what

seems to be a London pub. According to Kenar, the Queen was chosen because "she is extremely cool right now with the

young". "She is an icon," says Charles De Caro, the "creative brain" behind the advertisement. The spare sensibility of her dress sense is very much in fashion at the moment."

Indeed, the advertisement's "Queen" (who is in fact a professional lookalike called Mary Reynolds) is shown wearing a string of pearls, a tiara and just the sort of modest jacket and wrap-over skirt often sniggered at by the more knowing fashion types when worn by the real Queen. The Queen has always been



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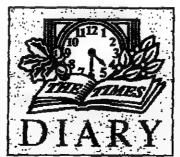
cool," says Mr De Caro, clearly intent on restoring Her Majesty to her rightful place in fashion's pantheon. "Let's face it, there is only one Queen."

Shake up

GRITTY realism is the aim behind plans to renovate one of Britain's most popular tourist attractions: the house where William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon. Drawing on the past 30 years of research into 16th-century middle-class urban life, the team is to be redecorate the house to show more precisely the conditions in which Shakespeare grew up.

The workshop where John Shakespeare, the poet's father. made gloves is to be recreated for the first time, and materials and fabrics in tune with the times will be added. "There will be some concessions to modernity," says the birthplace's director, Roger Pringle. "But we will not abandon heating and we will certainly not be putting rushes down on the floor,"

◆ Cloak and dagger stuff from the Conservatives campaign strategists. Two committees oversee campaign planning: Media Strat-egy I (MSI) which includes Central Office staff, and MS3 which includes advertising and PR merce-



naries from outside. There is no MS2. The reason? To keep the opposition guessing.

No sparkle

THOUGH times are good for Norman Lamont, he is finding it difficult to impart his bonhomie to the residents of Harrogate, his prospective constituency.

in an upmarket drinking hole in town the other day, he strode up to a friend celebrating his birthday and said: "Come on, have a glass of champagne, on me."

"I'll just have a pint of Fosters," said the friend. "Go on, make it champagne," urged Lamont.

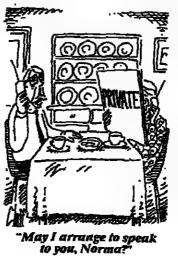
The conversation continued in this vein until eventually Lamont conceded, bought his friend his modest pint and addressed the bar:

"The trouble with some people," he said, "is that they don't know how to be happy."

Tell no tales

LORD RUNCIE, buffeted by the controversy about Humphrey Carpenter's biography, might care to reflect on Cardinal Manning. A Victorian of seemingly adamantine virtue, Manning also tangled with troublesome biographer.

Edmund Sheridan Purcell approached Manning, offering to write his memoirs. Manning



world, one factor remained ungovernable: rain washed out the whole of the first day's play.

No go logo THERE WAS but one blot on the plans of Umberto Bossi yesterday as he proclaimed the creation of Padania in northern Italy: the symbol of his new country looks like a cannabis leaf.

This is not the sort of thing to concern Bossi, a chest-thumping sort addicted to cigarettes and the sound of his own voice. Others, however, are laughing, including





Bossi, symbol and leaf

certain senators who have said that the Northern League, a superficially Conservative, modish group, is in fact a secret hippy

A leaf motif similar to that of Bossi's image-conscious party is used by a radical group lobbying for the legalisation of drugs.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME

Socialism is a part of Labour's present as well as its past

When Kim Howells, the Labour Party's trade and industry spokesman, declared yesterday that "the word socialism should be humanely phased out", he must have expected, and indeed relished, the torrent of abuse he received from the party's old guard. But this row is more interesting than the usual Labour storm in a teacup. For changing attitudes to the word "socialism" reveal a great deal about the changing face of the Labour Party - and about whether these superficial changes reflect what is really going on in the party's soul.

Socialism is a word with a long and complex history, which closely parallels the history of Labour's beliefs. From its earliest days, socialism has been defined as much by what it opposed as by what it promised. In the early 19th century socialism was the doctrine of common ownership of property - and therefore the antithesis of capitalism, a word which was also coined at about the same time. But in Britain it soon acquired an alternative, less threatening meaning.

The Fabian socialists were reformist, not revolutionaries. They were dedicated to making capitalism more equal and more democratic, rather than sweeping it away. Many of the prewar Fabians shared with the revolutionaries their attachment to widespread nationalisation. However, they saw state ownership not as an end in itself but as a means to social justice and (ironically) to greater economic efficiency.

In the 1950s and 1960s, when the Labour Party went through an internal upheaval easily equal to the one now imposed by Tony Blair, the struggle was between two definitions of socialism. The old guard believed that the essence of socialism was public ownership and nationalisation. The "revisionists", led by Anthony Crosland, argued that socialism was not about property ownership but about equality and justice.

Socialism could be achieved by leaving the

economy in capitalist hands, but then redistributing the wealth and income it produced. This revisionist socialism defined itself in opposition not to capitalism and private ownership but to inequality and injustice. The revisionists may have been "moderates" on nationalisation, but they were firebrands when it came to equality. They advocated punitive tax rates and were zealots for comprehensive education and council housing.

Today egalitarian socialism is often derided as "the politics of envy", partly because of its poor economic and social record and partly because of the growth of middle-class aspirations. The essence of Mr Blair's political project, therefore, has been to define a new ideology that would make Labour fit for the modern world. He has tried to do this by attaching yet another meaning to that old word socialism.

Mr Blair refers to "social-ism" as a doctrine which recognises that man is a social animal and stresses the community, and not just the individual, as the main unit of politics. This "social-ism" is opposed not to capitalism or to inequality but to the narrow individualism which Mr Blair sees as characterising the Thatcher decades. The trouble with this ideology is twofold.

First, Mr Blair's social-ism is so commonplace as to be almost meaningless. The sense of community - from the local neighbourhood to the nation state - play a central part in Conservative traditions. And it is not clear whether Mr Blair has anything distinctive to add to these values. The second problem for Mr Blair is that many of his troops have not yet moved from the second to the third phase of the Labour Party's reforms. Mr Blair may believe equality and redistribution are not essential to his "social-ism". But unless he can be more specific about his new ideology, he will have trouble winning the confidence of his party or of the electorate at large.

INSTABILITY PACT

Every step towards EMU makes the destination less attractive

European finance ministers are due to take another giant step towards the terra incognita of monetary union this Friday. They are to meet in Dublin to approve an outline agreement on financial penalties for governments and parliaments which join the single currency and then fail to stick to the Maastricht treaty's budgetary requirements. The deal quietly cobbled together in standing German demand for a permanent "stability pact" which would impose large fines on EMU governments that borrow above the limits set at Maastricht. At the same time it has apparently overcome French objections to a further erosion of national sovereignty.

The Germans, it seems, have agreed to reduce slightly the scale of the proposed sanctions and, more importantly, to introduce an element of political discretion into the levying of fines. In return for this small gesture of pragmatism, the other nations have conceded the huge principle that the European Council would would become the final arbiter of national policies on taxes and public spending.

Looking at the way the stability pact would operate in practice as opposed to the principles on which it is based, the French calculation is easier to understand, if not to endorse. The tough stability pact demanded last year by Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, is now riddled with loopholes. Instead of fines being levied automatically when a country exceeds the deficit limits, the government in question will now be given nine months to mend its ways. It will then escape punishment if its plans for fiscal retrenchment are "credible"

or its deficits are "temporary and exceptional". In other words, the new fiscal sanctions will become just another item for horsetrading in the great Brussels bazaar.
The stability pact is also necessary to

persuade the German people that they can safely give up the mark. EMU can only go ahead in 1999 if the deficit criteria laid down in the Maastricht treaty are fudged. Either deficits reported for 1997 will be shamelessly massaged. A recent decision by the French Government to include a one-off payment worth nearly £5 billion from France Telecom in its 1997 budget will doubtless be the precursor of many such accountancy tricks. In the face of such trickery, the stability pact may counteract the impression that the euro will be a "soft" currency in the long run.

But even if the stability pact does help to dupe the German public into accepting EMU, it can only increase the long-range political perils attending the whole project. If, as the French doubtless hope, the stability pact turns out to be nothing more than a piece of paper, it can only increase the danger of a backlash when the German public and the financial markets realise they have been duped. If, on the other hand, the stability pact turns into a permanent encroachment on national economic sovereignty, the risks of political conflict among the governments and peoples of Europe will

be magnified. In practice, the stability pact is likely to disappoint the Germans and anger the other countries at the same time. With every step that Europe takes towards monetary union, the destination looks less attractive and Britain seems wiser to be left behind.

PASS GO, COLLECT 200

Popular games must appeal to basic human instincts

At lunchtime today the new world Monopoly champion will emerge at Monte Carlo. having bankrupted the national champions from 35 countries. In the rest of the world, the Middle East trembles on the brink. Bishops may have gone absent without leave, and the Prime Minister has been visiting the Queen (a keen Monopoly-player) at Balmoral. But for the wide little world of fantasy property-dealers and game-players, the most exciting event of the weekend has been the world Monopoly championships.

And this is odd, because for those unaddicted to or grown out of its attractions, the boring old board game could just as well be renamed Monotony. For Monopoly, like monogamy, leaves a lot to be desired. Its property values are obsolete. Few would have fancied a hotel in Islington when the game was invented. But Islington has become the home of would-be Prime Ministers. While Oxford Street and Piccadilly, once deemed highly desirable properties, have become tawdry honey-pots on the tourist trail. The world championships are using the American version of the game invented at the end of the Depression. And 60 years on there are many more desirable pieces of real estate in the United States, and Acprobably even in Atlantic City, than Park

Place and Board Walk. The public utilities of water and electricity are the least profitable squares on the board to land on. When offered at auction, they often attract no bidders. But in the brave new world off the board, being chairman of a privatised public utility or a railway station has become a licence to print money, pension rights, share options and the title of fat cat. The phrase "Monopoly money" has escaped from the box of "Uncle Pennybags", the Monopoly man, into the fantasy world of directors' salary packages. Inflation has so increased the price of everything that there is no room on a card or a square of the board to print the value of winning a beauty contest or making repairs to all one's hotels.

The notion of free parking only a die's throw from the Strand is a bad joke. Though going to jail, going directly to jail, as an escape from a rack-renting landlord still holds its attractions. And in getting out of jail early for a small fee or holding the right card, life has been imitating art.

Yet there is no denying the lasting appeal of this most popular of patented board games. It is published in 25 languages as well as Braille, and its crude capitalism is unsurprisingly popular in the countries of the former Soviet Union. Substituting little portable telephones or model moderns for its tokens of metal top hat and shoe would destroy the antique charm.

For the funny game provides the thrills of venture capitalism without the risks or the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It appeals to basic instincts of acquisitiveness and competition, without income tax returns or harming those who lose. A man is never more harmlessly employed than when making Monopoly money. Provided he does not die of boredom.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

From the Shadow Minister

Sir, As Philip Bassett's astute analysis

of job insecurity (Business, September

shows, Mr William Waldegrave,

Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has been echoing his Cabinet colleague,

lan Lang, who maintained that job in-

Ministers may talk up falling fig-

ures on the unemployment register, but nobody believes the claimant

count is a serious measure of the true

state of unemployment, which is at

The Government's Labour Force

Survey ("A combination that contin-ues to stoke the political fires", Busi-

ness, September III revealed that

393,000 workers have "gone missing" since the last election. Unemployment

fell from its peak in December 1992 by

834,000; employment rose by only

Mr Waldegrave also seems unaware that well over half the people who leave the dole for a job will be back in the jobcentre within a year.

These practices, combined with the

emphasis on highly personalised and

destructive campaigning, represent a direct threat to democracy which

should allow the electors to make a

dear choice between clear alternatives

this are the journalists who are bullied

and threatened by the spin-doctors in-

to publishing what they have been told to publish.

they have to say, on the record, and

journalists should be far less willing

to listen to those who refuse to be

the Left and Right but a plea for great-

er integrity in politics - and in the re-

This is not an argument between

All elected people should say what

The most immediate victims of all

security was just "a state of mind".

for Employment

least double.

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Yours sincerely

PETER HAIN,

September 13.

House of Commons.

presented positively.

Labour, trade unions and the perils of job insecurity

From Mr Frank Allaun

Sir, Widespread fears have been aroused by suggestions (reports, September 13 and 14; leading articles, September 12 and 14) that the umbilical cord between Labour and the unions may be cut. It would be fatal to both. They represent, politically and industrially, the interests of those who work for their living.

The major effect of such a split could defeat Labour's chances of winning the next election. For example, the most popular of the TUC demands is for a minimum wage of E4.26 an hour. It is not only fair: it will also bring hope to the five million who carn less.

The overwhelming backing of TUC delegates showed that they understand what it means. It was the unions' impetus that first evolved and then promoted the demand. Their feet are on the ground.

What is especially regretiable about any suggestion by Mr Stephen Byers, Shadow Employment Minister, of a break between Labour and the unions is that it could not have been made by a parliamentary spokesman without the approval of higher figures in the

party.
Ours is a trade union and Labour movement. And long may it stay so.

Yours sincerely, FRANK ALLAUN (Labour MP for Salford East, 1955-83), II Eastleigh Road, Manchester. September 15.

From Mr Michael Foster

Sir, I find it difficult to understand how the cordial reception of Tony Blair at the TUC is interpreted on your front page of September 12 as a "snub" and the decisions on a £4.26 minimum wage and rejection of a postai pay ballot as a "double rebuff".

The TUC did not "defy" Mr Blair on a minimum wage. As he made clear, the unions have different responsibilities from the Labour Party.

It would be very unwise if the TUC, as a potential participant in Labour's intended low-pay commission, should in advance suggest a lower figure than the £4.26 which they have proposed, but one has to start some-

School league tables

Sir, Jeremy Baker's equation of in-

dependent schools' success at univer-sity entrance and "the impact of

money" (letter, September 5) is 100

A great many distinguished inde-

pendent schools which appear in the league tables have annual fees within

a few hundred pounds of the average

cost of a sixth-form place in the main-

tained sector, which is at least £3,600.

items which must be covered by inde-

pendent school fees - such as capital

expenditure and administration — we

must conclude that independent

schools' academic pre-eminence is at-

tributable to factors other than throw-

ing "three times more money" at their

Yours faithfully, DAVID J. WOODHEAD,

56 Buckingham Gate, SWI.

Aksumite obelisk

Sir. Professor Richard Pankhurst (let-

ter, September 7) draws attention to Italy's unfulfilled commitment, dating

from her 1947 peace treaty with the

United Nations, to restore to Ethiopia

the 2,000-year-old Aksumite obelisk

within 18 months of the signing of that

There is an additional and urgent

dimension to this long overdue legal

obligation. The 24-metre-high granute

obelisk, re-erected in 1937 in the Piazza

di Porta Capena in Rome on the 15th

anniversary of Mussolini's seizing of

power, is now showing the effects of

serious pollution from traffic fumes.

Being carved on all four sides, the

obelisk is, incidentally, a particularly

The cost of its transport back to

Ethiopia and the frailty of its condi-tion have been deployed by Italian of-ficialdom as arguments against its

restitution. Earlier this year, however,

Dr Vincenzo Francaviglia of the Con-

siglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (Na-

tional Council of Research) published

his conclusion that it could be redivid-

ed without difficulty into the five

pieces into which it had broken when

it was toppled, probably when the Falasha Queen Gudit sacked Aksum

Spalford, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Letters for publication should carry

contact telephone numbers. We

regret that we cannot accept

letters by telephone but they

may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Sport letters, page 36

in the 10th century.

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN BELL.

September &

line example of the genre.

From Mr Stephen Bell

Independent Schools Information

National Director,

September 6.

Since the latter cost does not include

From the National Director

of the independent Schools

Information Service

I suggest, therefore, that it is a failure to understand the dynamics between the Labour Party and the unions that has caused you to detect a rift that does not exist.

Yours sincerely MICHAEL POSTER (Labour prospective candidate for Hastings and Rye), 202 Wishing Tree Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. September 12

From Mr G. M. B. Nixon

Sir, The proposal for a minimum wage is being presented as a pay in-crease for employees below the proposed minimum. However, if workers are paid, for example, El an hour more to bring them up to the mini-mum, it follows that a similar increase will be demanded by others above the

We are being led to believe that the trade unions will ignore the opportunity to maintain their differential rates. Yours sincerely,

G. M. B. NIXON, Baytree. Glen Auldyn, Ramsey, Isle of Man. September 13.

Openness in politics

From Mr Tony Benn, MP for Chesterfield (Labour)

Sir, Conflicting accounts of the real in-tentions of "new" Labour towards the trade unions highlight a much deeper problem. Across the whole political spectrum the public is being fed, every day, a diet of political news increas ingly based upon anonymous briefings, leaks, nods and winks; and if these stories are then thought to be embarrassing, denials are furnished by other unnamed but supposedly authoritative sources.

In short, people are now being sys-tematically misled and are rapidly coming to disbelieve everything that they hear and read. Even parliament ary candidates, in all parties, soon to fight a general election, may have no clear idea what the thinking of their own leaders really is on some important questions.

Conflict in Iraq

From Dr Anthony Flood, MC

House of Commons, September 15.

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tember 6) sounded a resonance with

another long outstanding but politi-

and interpretation of the Dead Sea

publish extracts of the Dead Sea

Scrolls, in a known and translatable

script, while the Linear B tablets were

expeditiously published from a

Surely the full and unencumbered

publication of the Scrolls can only

serve and add to our cultural under

standing of the pre-Christian era and the roots of Judaic and Christian reli-

Yours sincerely, DARRYL A. PARKER,

September 9.

20 Sumnyfield, Mill Hill, NW7.

previously untranslatable format?

Why has it taken over 30 years to

Publication of Scrolls From Mr D. A. Parker

porting of politics.

TONY BENN,

Yours etc.

Sir, in the mid 1970s, when I was in Sir, Your leading article on the culturnorthern Iraq with Masoud Barzani's the Iraqi Army, which both bombed and shelled the Kurdish guerrillas during the daytime. At night the cally more ignominious decipherment Shah's heavy artillery moved over the Iranian border to bombard the Iraois. moving out of the Kurdish-held area before first light.

The Kurds are a displaced ethnic people used as political pawns by Irag, Iran, Turkey and Syria, and they will necessarily turn to whichever country will help them, as they are turning now.

The factional disputes of the day serve only further to complicate their

ANTHONY FLOOD. The Orangery, Augill Castle, Brough, Cumbria. September 13.

Flying in style

Yours sincerely

From Mr Anthony Jacks

Sir. Mr Bob Prescott's letter (September 9; see also letter September 11) reminds me that on September 3, 1939, aged 15, I flew home from Alexandria in the Imperial Airways C Class flying boat Corinna.

Air travel in those days was supremely comfortable: a mere 17 pasengers, large leather armchairs with unlimited legroom and even pulldown bunks (although these were used only when we were moored on

the water). There was a bar at one end of the aircraft from which one collected drinks and a promenade deck from which to view the scene below. The aircraft proceeded at a leisurely 150 knots and at a few thousand feet of altitude, so there was ample time to take in the surrounding countryside.

We heard Chamberlain's declaration of war on a portable radio in the Hotel Grande Bretagne in Athens. We toured the Parthenon, deserted except for our party. It was a beautiful late summer's day and the atmosphere was crystal clear.

The following day we landed in Brindisi and were surrounded by armed Blackshirts. Eventually we were allowed to proceed and flew through (not over) the Appennines. There was a strong head-wind and it was a little disconcerting to discover that we were being passed by cars on the road below.

It took us three days to get home with numerous diversions. During this time our main worry was not being shot down by enemy aircraft or in-terned in an unfriendly country. What concerned us most of all was the altimeter at the end of the cabin over the bar. This was the size of a station clock and when we were moored safely on the water indicated that we were still 500 feet above sea level.

Yours sincerely. A. R. JACKS, 2 Rossett Beck, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. September 11.

Animal insights

From Mr Simon Doughty

Sir. Peter Bennett may not be "barking up the wrong tree" in suggesting dogs can sense their owner's presence in the air" (letter, September 12).

My parents have just returned from holiday to be told by my youngest brother that Scruffy, their ten-year-old poodle/terrier, had become very ac-tive at about the time they took off. homeward bound, from Brisbane. She kept up this activity, on and off, for the next day, with regular visits to the front door.

Her senses, if we are to believe recently published theories (report, September 5), were eventually rewarded at about 6.15 this morning, although Scruffy appeared to be more relieved than excited — 25 hours is a long time when you "think" that your owners

are on their way home. As in Mr Bennett's story, the aircraft's route took it close to my par-

ents' house, but that was at 5am and Scruffy was fast asleep.

Yours sincerely, SIMON DOUGHTY, 18 Gratton Drive, Windsor, Berkshire. September 12

From Mr Alan Hadfield

Sir, My parents' cat, Katie, used to spend much of her week as a cool and dignified animal, but not on Thursdays, when from early in the morning she would mill around the house and front garden and become quite agitated until the fish man from Fleetwood made his call.

She would ride up and down the cul-de-sac on top of his van and could later be seen attempting to eat steaming hot fish, no doubt regretting that she was not equipped to blow on it.

Yours sincerely, ALAN HADFIELD, 12 Chipstead Close, Maidstone, Kent. September 12.

Russia looks back for a way forward

From Dr A. Lentin

Sir, The proposed reburial in St Petersburg of the bones of Tsar Nico-las II (report, September 13), and the political uncertainty in Russia arising from the illness of President Yeltsin (reports and leading articles, September 5 and 6), are not isolated phenomena but involve wider projects under serious consideration in Russia.

I recently participated in a major historical conference at St Petersburg and in informal discussions in Moscow with the editorial staff of a historical review enjoying the President's personal patronage. At both I found the possibility of monarchical restoration being mooted in the highest cirdes as a solution to the problems of instability, succession crises and the fate

of Russian democracy. Russia's historical past, always seen there in relation to its present and future, is being reviewed in a desperate effort to guarantee the present reforms and to prevent a return to auth-

oritarianism and repression, Constitutional monarchy is seen by many as capable of providing a muchneeded focus of stability, continuity and legitimacy. A decision to lay to rest the last of the Romanovs would be a clear indication of official favour towards the idea of monarchy.

Meanwhile, a flood of scholarly and popular books on Russia's Romanov past, particularly her 18th-century past, is intended to sound out public opinion on a solution that could be represented as combining historical tra-dition with a guarantee of the freedoms and openness, genuine but precarious, now in evidence.

Yours faithfully, A. LENTIN, 57 Maids Causeway, Cambridge. September 13.

Arts funding

From the Chairman of the National Federation of Music Societies

Sir. It is encouraging that a debate is taking place on arts funding. I was somewhat depressed, however, by aspects of Richard Ponsonby's letter (September 6) in which he concentrated wholly on the difficulties being faced by some (professional) compan-ies without mentioning once the audiences they serve or the potential audiences not currently excited by what is on offer. Surely any debate about the arts has to start from the needs of the audiences in communities throughout the UK.

I was also puzzled by his view that any additional funding should be re-served initially for professionals, as if there were two entirely separate sectors. The 1,700 amateur music societies which make up our membership spend, between them, around Ell million each year on the engagement of professionals: indeed, many rely on our members for their living.

It is surely time to sweep away the notion that professional and amateur musicians are in competition for funding: we can and should co-operate to make full use of the exciting possibilities offered by the lottery.

Yours sincerely, RODERICK J. WYLIE, Chairman, National Federation of Music Societies. Francis House, Francis Street, SWI. Sentember 9.

Digital hymnal From Mrs S. Kenrick

Sir, I am an invisible woman (church organist) and delighted that Mr Alan Millard (letter, September 12) recognises this fact.

One recent Sunday, so irritated by the mounting crescendo of gossip during my carefully chosen and much practised Bach prelude, I left my organ bench and addressed a startled congregation. I pointed out that as I had taken time and trouble to play this piece for them, they could at least have the courtesy to listen.

I am now known as the "organist with attitude". Can you have digital keypads with "attitude"? Yours sincerely

S. R. KENRICK Hickley Place, Little Comberton, Pershore, Worcestershire.

From Mr John B. Harris

Sir, The substitution of digital music for church organs will achieve bal-ance between the harmonies, steady tempo and rhythm and a recognisable main line of melody when introducing and accompanying hymns.

Very few church and only some

cathedral organists achieve this. Yours faithfully, JOHN B. HARRIS, 15 Chartwell House, 12 Ladbroke Terrace, WII. September 12.

Punch drunk?

From Mr Ray Hodson

Sir, I was about to write to you this morning with the intelligence that this small household had already received three unsolicited copies of the newly revived humorous magazine Punch

when two more arrived in the post. Is this what is meant by going beyond a joke? Yours sincerely.

ROY HODSON, The Sail Loft. Mulberry Quay, Falmouth, Cornwall. September 14.



COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE September 14: The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mrs Major have arrived at the

The Rt Hon John Major MP had an audience of The Queen this

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ST JAMES'S PALACE September 14: The Duke of Kent. Honorary Air Commodore, today attended the At Home Day of Royal Air Force Leuchars, St Andrews, Fife.

BALMORAL CASTLE September 15: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this

The Reverend Colin McIntosh preached the Sermon.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this afternoon opened the refur-bished Headquarters of the Braemar Mountain Rescue Association, Glenshee Road, Braemar, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire Captain Colin Farquharson of

The Oueen was represented by The Prince of Wales at the Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service which was held in Westminster Abbey this morning.

Birthdays today

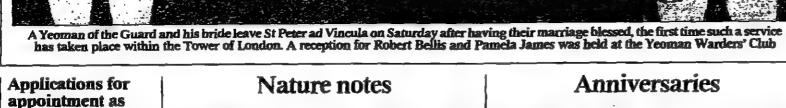
Miss Lauren Bacall, actress, 72; Lord Brassey of Apethorpe, 64; Mr Tommy Carberry, racehorse trainer. 55; Professor Kenneth Coates, MEP, 66; Lord Grimthorpe, 81; Mr Loyd Grossman, broadcaster, 46; Mr Charles Haughey, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 71; Lord Henderson of Brompton, 74: Mr. Ian Horsbrugh, Principal, Guild-hall School of Music and Drama, 55; Mr Andy Irvine, rugby player. 45; the Very Rev W.B. Johnston, former Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland, 75; Mr B.B. King, guitar-ist and singer, 71; Mr Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister of Singapore, 73; Sir John Megaw, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 87; Mrs Judith Miller, publisher, 45; Sir John Page, former MP, 77; Baroness Pike, 78; Dame Shelia Quinn, former nursing adviser, British Red Cross Society, 76: Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave. 71; Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, 80: Mrs Steve Shirley, founder, FI Group, 63; Professor Lord Walton of Detchant, 74; Mr David Wilshire, MP, 53.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Kent will attend the Queen Charlotte's Ball at Grosvenor House #17.30.

John Boon, CBE

A memorial service will be held for John Boon, CBE, former President of the Publishers Association and the international Publishers Association, and Chairman of Harlequin Mills and Boon (UK) Ltd. on Monday, October 7, 1996. at St James's, Piccadilly, Wi, at liam, followed by a reception in the Library at the Reform Club, Pall Mall. SW. It would be helpful if those wishing to attend would kindly inform Mrs Marian Donne at the Publishers Association at 19 Bedford Square, WCIB 3HJ, by fax



Queen's Counsel The Lord Chancellor invites applications for appointment as Queen's Counsel from advocates who hold, and are entitled to exercise, full rights of audience in the High Court or the Crown Court

Application forms, together with Notes for Guidance" for an olicants, can be obtained from David Stobie, Lord Chancellor's Department, 2nd Floor, Selborne House, 54-60 Victoria Street. London SWIE 60W (telephone 0171-210-8921 or 8922). Completed forms should be re-

turned to the same address by Monday, October 14, 1996. Applications received after noon

on that day cannot be considered.

Service dinner

The Highlanders (Seaforth Cordon and Camerons General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, Colonel of The Highlanders ons) presided at the Regimental juncheon held on Saturday at the Caledonian Club, London.

University news

Faculty of Arts The following have been promoted to Professor, with effect from October 1: Dr John Moles, Classics; Dr Ann

Moss, French; Dr Patricia Waugh, English. The following are promoted to Reader:

Dr Oliver Dickinson, Classics; Dr

David Fuller, English: Dr Bonnie

DEATES

HUSON - Marjorie Christis of Cottered, Hesta. Peacefully at Royston Hospital on 6th September 1996. Dearly level wile of the Line (Jubby). Funcal at Cottered Parish Church on Friday 20th Impaction to 8 Newting & Son of Royston, Herrs. (01763) 242375.

LAW - Pencefully at her home on 9th September 1996, Ellem Vivian Law aged 90. Pensual private (so (Ioven). A newarist service will be hald at St Nicholas Chouch,

Taplow on Friday 11th October 1996 at 2 pm.

MACIGIAL - Pathy, died 11th September 1996. Much loved brother, uncle and friend Formariy at hollis Bill Research Station. Funcual Service at 11.45 am Friday 20th September at West Herrs Crematorium, Watford, No flowers plems. Donations if desired to Heart Science Centre clo Frotsmor Sir Magdi Tacouh, Harefichi Hospital.

PERCIVALL - On 22nd August 1996, Richard Leouand, son of Mrs E Percivall and Suhar of Nina and Sonia, died tragically in a car accident in Sudd Ambita, at the age of 53. An embermet chiractic, much lowed by all his family and friends, he will be greatly missed. Cremation to be held at 11 ms at Hastings Communication on Spytember 25th Flowers to A.C. Towner, 19 Marion Square, Battle, East Stassey 7833 00s. 7ek (01424) 775515.

SNAW - Charles Frederick Ralph peacefully on 10th September 1996. Much loved and sadly missed by wife Lillian, Gaughter Maria and son-in-law Mick and guandson Cilver Newton.

KOMERSE! FRY - Peter George Robin Plantagener, died at his home in Wartisfield, Suffork, on September 10th, Ecloved Instrument of Flora. A celebration of his life will follow.

Schwartz, Linguistics.

1996 peacefully after a short ilbness, Gerald Eath Auchinisch Denting IL, EU, QC, MA. Funeral Edendary Parish Church, Omegis 3 pm Today, Monday 16th September. Memorial service to follow. Temple Church Lorden. The Today Parish Bartengtica Fund do Rectory, Clarke, The Rectory, Tare

September 12th 1990, pescelly at home, egod 86. Retired Chief Trading Standards Officer for Suckinghamshire, below AVIS - Guy Lionei, on September 12th 1996,

Buckinghamshire. Indowed husband of Laura and dearly leved father of Martin and Thaothy. Service at St John The Evangelist Church, Whitchurch, Bucks on Wednesday September 18th at 12.30pm. Family Rowers only please.

Nowes - On September 12th Kay Downs at the Belvedere Nursing Home, Scarbecough, dearly loved wife of the Inte Dr. Leslie Hall Downs of Button-Ie-Hole, North Torkshire and mother of Angela, Gaynor and Philippa and their families. Feneral Service at St Mary's Church, Lastingham, on Friday 20th September at 11 am followed by private creuation. No flowers by request.

FRANCIS - Norab on 12th Septuaber in Oxford, agad 88, Widow of the late AD. Functs and mother of Dr Martin Francis and Chysics Desco-Funcis, Grandmother

brack-Francis. Gazachaother of Graham, Helera, James, Alexander and Torsea. Nuch loved that admired by family and friends. Douations, if desired, to The Royal National Institute For The

DEATHS

Nature notes

THE breeding season is almost over for birds, but young families of hedge-sparrows can still be beard piping in gardens, and some housemartins are still flying up to their mud nests under the eaves. Migration is well under way, with small birds moving south by night and day, though as they speed over the treetops or pass high in the sky they are not often observed. Willow warblers and chiffchaffs are most easiy detected, since they sing as they stop over to feed and rest in hedgerow trees. Ospreys, which are large white fishhawks, sometimes linger for a

day or two over large lakes. It looks as if it will be enother good year for wild berries and nuts. The red berries on the hawthorns are fat, juicy and clustered thick on the twigs. Elder bushes



look colourful with shining

black berries on red stems

and a few leaves turning

claret or pale yellow. On

brambles, the remnants of the

fruit are like small black

beads. Late summer flowers

include orange balsam, or jewel weed, which grows on

riverbanks, and will soon

produce seeds that explode

out of their springy cases. The

pink and white flowers of

great hairy willow-herb are

owly withering away. DJM

The chiffchaff

minster and Mr Andrew Keen and Members of the Diplomatic Corps

The Battle of Britain Ensign

Bearer was Flight Lieutenant R.A. Coolbear, escorted by Flight Lieutenant M.D. Hawkins and Flight Lieutenant P.R. Brombley

were among those present

K.A. Wilkinson.

Battle of Britain service The Queen was represented by the by Mr David Trimble, MP. The Prince of Wales at the Sattle of Deputy Lord Mayor of West-

Britain service of thanksgiving and reddication held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster officated, assisted by the Rev Barry Fenton, Precentor, Mrs Jeffrey Quill read a prayer. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, and Flight Lieutenant S.E.V. Berg. Flight Lieutenant P.R. Brombley and the Roll of Honour was borne by Flight Lieutenant C.R. Coates, exocred by Air Commodore C.C.M. Baker. Group Captain D.F.B. Sheen, Wing Commander J.R.C. Young, Squadron Leader R.A. Beardsley, Flight Lieutenant F.J. Twitchett and Flying Officer K.A. Wilkinson. from 43 Squadron, RAF Leuchars, read the lessons. The Rev John

hedden gave an address. HM Government was repre-sented by Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, HM Opposition by Mr John Spellar, MP, and the Ulster Unionist Party

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Thursday 19th September 11 am at The Brompu

IN MEMORIAM --

WAVIA - David Michael

loving memory of David wit Ged 16th September 198 Always in my life, Judy.

EORGE - William Henry B.Sc 1901-1979 of Alderwasie

1901-1979 of Alderwastry Derbyshire. Figures in production of the characterial film. Author of "The Clinens in School" 1935. Remembered on the birthday and always.

STOMMOUSE - James, of Deal in Leat. Passed away 16,935. Much loved Busband, Pather and Grandfather. Fon will always be with us. Your loving wite biary, your sees and annuly, Anthree, James and Cameron, ill, Rimsbeth, James and Dan.

ANNIVERSARIES

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FLATSHARE

WELLEREY - Julian Valarian aged 63, an September 13th, peacefully at the Royal Maryden, Sutton, in the midst of his family. Very dearly leved husband, father, supplisher and best fitlend to all his family. Funeral at 1230 pm Priday 20th September at St. Petri and St. Paul's Wadhurst. Family flowers only but donations to: Royal Marsden and Hospice in the Weald.

SMITH - Harvey Lobert an Tracey Jame (née Goodmen Congratulations on you first wedding anniversary Love Mum and Dad.

PRIVATE

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Henry V. reigned 1413-22, Monmouth, 1387 Parkman, historian, Boston. Massachusetts, 1823; Andrew Bonar Law, Prime Minister 1922-23. Kineston, Kent County, New poet, Wolverhampton, 1880; Nadia Boulanger, conductor and music teacher, Paris, 1887; Sir Alexander Korda, film producer. Turkeye, Hungary, 1893.

DEATHS: Tomás de Torque made, head of the Holy Office of the inquisition, Avila, Spain, 1498; John Colet, theologian, Sheen, John Colet, theologian, Sheen, Surrey, 1519: Gabriel Fahrenheit, physicist, The Hague, 1736; Louis XVIII, King of France in name 1795-1824, Paris, 1824; Edward Pusey, theologian, leader of the Oxford Movement, Ascot Priory, 1882: Edward Whymper, mou

gist, Nobel laureate 1902, London, 1932; Silas K. Hocking, novelist and preacher, Highgate, 1935; John McCormack, tenor, Dublin, 1945; Sir James Jeans, astronom and mathematician. Dorking Surrey, 1946; Sir George Staple don, pioneer of grassland science, 1960: Maria Callas, soprano, Paris, 1977; Marc Bolan, rock musician, Barnes Common, London, 1977; Jean Piaget, child psychologist, Geneva, 1980.

Chamonia, 1911; Sir Thomas Lau-

der Brunton, physician, London, 1916; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriolo-

The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth with the Pilgrim Fathers, led by Myles Standish, 1620.

The Post Office Savings Bani emblished, 1861.

Latest wills

Patrick Cargill, the television actor, has left his estate of £110,739 net to a friend, Kamil Tadeus: Markowski, who lived with him at Lower Assendon, Oxfordshire. Lady Elliet, widow of Sir John Elliot, of London W8, left estate

DIAL ESY/,/SSI DEI Sir Humilton Westrow Hate 9th Baronet, Barrister at Law, Inner Temple, of Fordingbridge, Hants, left estate valued at £382,660 net. Lady Tickell (widow of Sir Eustace Tickell), of Seaton, Devon, left estate valued at ES19,999 net. The Dowager Baroness Denkam, daughter of the lat Baron Redesdale, left estate valued at

(31),759 met. Graham Hartley Davies, of Lea Cross, Shrewsbury, left estate valued at £1.630.654 net. Sidney ivor Heller, of Southport, Merseyside, left estate valued at £1,758,944 met.

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The following have been elected officers of the Buschers' Company for the ensoing year: Master, Mr Michael Rudolf Kate; Wardens, Mr Roger Moore, Mr John Frederick Jackman, Mr Kenneth William Jenkins, Mr Douglas John Nookes.

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The following have been installed. Officers of the Company of Architects for the ensuing year: Master, Mrs Sylvin Reid; Upper Warden, Mr Julian Ryder Richardson; Renter Warden, Mr John Penton, Junior Warden:

Marriages

Sir Gareth Rhys Williams and Miss H. Codner

KATHY BURITON

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Giles. Coberley, Gloucestershire, of Sir Gareth Rhys Williams, son of the late Sir Brandon Rhys Williams. MP, and of Lady Rhys Williams, of London and Mid Glamorgan, to Miss Harriet Codner, daughter of Major and Mrs Tom Codner, of Gloucestershire. The Rev G.W.A.

Holcombe officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Thomas Jordan. Mr Ben

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Or A.J. Caires

and Miss S.E. Scariett The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wadhurst, East Sussex, o. Dr Alistair Cairns, eldest son of the late Mr Ian Cairns and of Mrs Cairns, of Cupar, Fife, so Miss Sarah Scarlett, daughter of the late the Hou John Scarlett and of Mrs

Scarlett, of Wadhurst. Canon Michael Insley officiated. The bride was attended by Philippa Kehyaian, Robert Scarlett and lan Cairns. Mr Ewan Clayton

was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be speant in Italy. Dr O.J. Day

and Miss S.C. Lyle The marriage took place on Sat-urday in Dunkeld Cathedral, Perthshire, of Dr Owen John Day, son of Professor and Mrs Nicholas Day, of Haddenham, Cambridgeshire to Miss Suki Lyle, daughte of Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Lyle and the late the Hon Mrs Lyle of Dunkeld. The Rev A.E. Smith

and the Rev T. Dick officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Daisy, Hester and Tilly Cooper, Archianne and Kit Haig and Romain Gagnaire. Mr Paul Mylvaganam was best man A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon

will be spent in Mexico. Mr J.R. Marrin

min LK Smale A service of blessing was held on Saturday at St Mary's, Whaddon, Buckinghamshire, after the mar-riage of Mr James Martin, yourper son of the late Mr John Martin and of Mrs John Simpson, of Exeter, Devon, to Miss Lucinda Stanier, younger daughter of Sir Beville and Lady Stanier, of Whaddon, The Rev W.L.A. Pryor

Mr C.A. Loyd and Miss J.J. Cartwright The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Godaiming, Surrey, of Mr Charles Loyd, only son of Sir Julian and Lady Loyd, of Burnham Market, Norfolk, to Miss Jermy

Cartwright, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Cartwright, of Godalming. The Rev John Ashe The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Eliza Gore Browne, Florence Cracroft Eley and Henry

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will be spent abroad. Mr A.P. Evo

and Miss G. De Wyster The marriage took place on Sat-urday, at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, London, of Mr Adrian Philip Evez, son of Mir and Mirs Stan Eves, of Swindon, Wiltshire, to Miss Genevieve De Wynter, daughter of Mr Robert De Wynter and Helen De Wynter, of London. Canon Don Lewis officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by her sister, Jemma De Wynter, Georgia Johnson, Portia

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A reception was held at Pulham Palace, London.

Mr P.J. Foakes

and Miss J. Hatter The marriage took place on Saturday. September 14, at St Mary's Church, Stapleford Abbotts, of Mr Paul John Foakes, only son of Mr and Mrs Albert Foakes, of Chadwell Heath, Essex, to Miss Jane Hatter, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Hatter, of Romford, Essex. The Rev Roger House

fliciated The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was atrended by Miss Joanne Hatter. Mr

Frank Ashley was best man. A reception was held at the Metropolitan Police Sports Club, Chigwell, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr S. Foulds

and Miss V.K. Packman The marriage took place on September 14, in Long Eaton, between Mr Simon Foulds, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Foulds, and Miss Vanessa Packman, daughter of Mr

and Mrs Geoffrey Packman. Mr C.M. Robertson and Mrs A.E. Arkwright The marriage took place in Warwickshire, on Saturday, September 14, 1996, between Mr

Charles Robertson and Mrs Alice Arkwright. Mr A. Plums

and Miss V. Widgery
The marriage took place on Wednesday, September II, at Chelsee Town Hall, of Anthony nmer, of Tunbridge Wells, and Vivian Widgery, daughter of June Widgery and the late Kenneth Widgery, of Clapham, London, The marriage was followed by a service of blessing at the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M.A. Appicby and Miss L.M. Thompson The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Allan Appleby, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Thompson, of Knightsbridge,

Mr A. Crips and Miss K. MacGregor The engagement is announced between Adrian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cripps, of Guernsey, and Katie, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J.

MacGregor, of Australia. Mr J.G. Denn and Mrs M.J. Robinson The marriage will take place

between John Grenville Dean and Mary Josephine Robinson on Priday, November I, 1996. Mr T. Gardner and Mile F.M. Sexion

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas L. Gardner, of Lution House, Lutton, South Brent. Devon, and Francesca, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Sexton, of Kings Old Rectory, Broadchalke, Wiltshire.

Mr R.A. Peperell and Miss K.C. Mo The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tony Peperell, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Katherine, eldest daughter of Mr Timothy Mousley, of Putney, London, and Mrs Julia Mousley,

of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Mr T.J. Smeeton and Miss A. Waddington The engagement is announced between Toby, elder son of Mr and Mirs Robin Smeeton, of Headley, Hampshire, and Anya, elder daughter of Mr Leslie Waddington and Mrs Ferriel Waddington, of

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Juliet Prowse, actress and dancer, died of cancer in Los Angeles on September 14 aged 59 She was born in Bombay on September 25, 1936.

uliet Prowse was a superb dancer and a fine actress and singer. whose misfortune it was to be born 20 years too late for the hig Hollywood musical. Her legs, which bore just comparison to Berry Grable's, were still a marvel in middle age, as were her high-energy dance routines. Like Norma Desmond in Sunset Boule-vard, she could have complained with some justification that it was the pictures that had got small, not her talent. But complaining was never her style. She enjoyed every twist of her long career, and approached her professional injuries with brisk good humour. Her numerous love affairs, which included a brief engagement to Frank Sinatra, were a subject of fevered fascination for the British tablaid press.

Prowse appeared in few major Hollywood films, perhaps because actresses like Shirley MacLaine best her to those rare parts written for women of her wide talents in the 1960s. Can Can, on the set of which she met Frank Sinatra, was an exception. The film promised to make her a star, not only because of her excellent performance, but because Nikita Khrushchev, who was visiting America, had been invited onto the set. He appeared in good spirits while he watched Prowse

high-kicking through the dance routine, but afterwards decided that it would be politic to express moral disapproval of this sort of American debauchery, and described Prowse as lascivious disgusting and immoral". Prowse, who admitted the dance was "not exactly Swan Lake", laughed off what she immediately recognised as propaganda. The following day her photograph appeared in every

newspaper in America. Prowse was born in Bornbay where her father was the British manager for Westinghouse. He died when she was three and the family moved to South Africa, where Juliet studied dancing. She joined the Festival Ballet in Johannesburg at 14, and became known as their "baby ballerina". But a late growing spurt put paid to her classical career. Dancers tended to be shorter in those days - the other girls were typicaly 5ft 3in. At 5ft 7in, Prowse was beginning to dwarf some of the men, particularly when she was on points.

Switching to modern dance, she came to London at 17 and found work in the chorus line of Kismet and Mother Goose. Later she went to Paris, where she appeared in a topless dance club. As she was considered to be English, and therefore more modest than the French girls, the management told her she could keep her top on. Engagements in Madrid and Rome followed and it was there that she was spotted by Hermes Pan, the choreographer of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Pan thought

her the best woman dancer he 1960s: The Second Time had ever seen. He was then Around (1961) with Debbie working with Frank Sinatra and Shirley MacLaine on Cole Porter's Can Can, the film of the musical about a Parisian nightclub dancer in the 1890s who is sued for performing the illegal dance. Prowse was persuaded by Pan to join the cast and the film was released in 1960.

The publicity of Khru-

shchev's visit had made Prowse's elegant dancer's body, soft red hair and green eyes familiar to every American who read a newspaper. More intense publicity was to follow when it was leaked that, not only was she having an affair with Frank Sinatra but also with Elvis Presley, the star on her next film, GI Blues (also 1960), in which she played a caharet dancer to his guitar-playing army gunner. At one point she was reputed to be seeing both of them at the same time. Prowse thought Presley

adorable, in those days before the "poor dear". as she re-ferred to him, had problems. But the affair with Sinatra was the more serious, and led to a six-week engagement. In ret-rospect, she felt she had been as much flattered by, as in love with, him and was convinced the marriage would not have worked. Sinatra was notorious for a chauvinistic attitude towards his wives' careers - his marriages to Ava Gardner and (later) Mia Farrow foundered on just that issue. "He wanted a 24-hour wife." Prowse said, and she wanted

to carry on working.

More films followed in the

Reynolds; and The Right Approach (also 1961), with Frankie Vaughan. But by this time there were lewer musitals being made in Holly-wood, and the wise option. which Prowse chose, was to concentrate on stage work. She starred in live shows in Las Vegas, and opened Caesar's Palace with a perfor-mance in Sweet Charity in 1966, which she also took to the Prince of Wales Theatre in London the following year.

JULIET PROWSE

By now Prowse had cut her strawberry blonde hair into a fashionable urchin style and the British press showed no restraint in their descriptions of her beauty. In 1969 she briefly took over from Ginger Rogers in Mame at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. That year, after more failed romances and engagements, she married the television actor John McCook. But that marriage, too, ended in divorce, after she had given birth to her only child, a son.

film role in 1969.)

In the 1970s, though she was now over 40, she continued to develop as a dancer. There was a show with Anthony Newley at the Palladium in 1979 in which Prowse, scantily clad, was hurled around stage by a cohort of sharp-suited male dancers. She spent about four months a year in Las Vegas and appeared on Broadway.

She stretched herself by taking on the occasional straight play, and toured Canada, South Africa and Britain

with I Do! I Do! opposite Rock Hudson. After privately struggling for years with her weight (though she never looked anything but slim when she performed), she settled into a rigorous healthy regime which kept her at a constant nine stone. She became expert in yoga. Her legs, which were her fortune, were insured by Lloyd's for a million dollars were still spectacular enough in middle age to win her a contract to advertise hosiery. She had also secretly been suffering from arthritis since youth. Fortunately she (Shirley MacLaine landed the found relief from this in mid-

dle age with the coming of

more sophisticated drugs. While her film career had not lasted, her American television career fared better. For the last ten years she hosted a championship ballroom competition, and there were numerous other specials. One of these, Circus Of The Stars in 1987, was nearly the cause of her death. Prowse was rehearsing a routine with an 80lb trained leopard when the animal pounced and bit her so badly on the neck that her carotid artery was almost pierced. Not only did she survive, but she returned to rehearsals, in true show-mustgo-on tradition, as soon as she was discharged from hospital.

She refused to blame the enpard and caressed its head in a courageous act of public exoneration. Cancer was diagnosed two years ago but she worked for as long as possible and was still teaching yoga classes while she was undergoing chemotherapy. She is survived by her son.

WING COMMANDER CLIVE BEADON

Wing Commander Clive Beadon. DFC. Second World War bomber pilot, died in hospital at Windsor on September 14 aged 77. He was born in India on April 15, 1919.

A MAN who never thought of himself as a hero, Clive Beadon was certainly not set in any conventional heroic mould. A gentle man, he always seemed, with his precise manner and eternally contemplative air, more like an academic from some univ-SLZIL cioister than a bomber pilot. Indeed, he rarely mentioned that part of his life. Certainly no one who knew him after his retirement from the RAF would have guessed that he had once flown a burning bomber 1,000 miles rather than bale out and save his own skin.

Clive Vernon Beadon was the elder son of an Indian Army officer. He was educated at the Imperial Service College, Windsor, where he won a scholarship to Sandhurst. But he elected to go instead to the RAF College. Cranwell, where he trained to

phecome a pilot. In July 1939 he began his flying career in 101 Squadron. piloting Blenheims. After the outbreak of war, he served in 502 Squadron, Coastal Command, flying Whitleys. But it was after Japan's invasion of Burma in 1942 that the really remarkable part of his service career began.

In 1944 he was flying a Liberator bomber at very low level to attack Japanese supply trains on the Bangkok-Chiengmai railway, when his aircraft was hit by Japanese anti-aircraft fire. Its tailplane was very badly damaged and his rear gunner was killed. With the tail section of the aircraft an inferno of flames and smoke, Beadon had great difficulty in maintaining height. But as he was on the point of giving the order to jump, he discovered that the only parachute not destroyed

of fire was his own. The lives of his men therefore now depended on his skill as a pilot. In an astonishing feat of airmanship, he nursed the wounded and burning



Beadon with his second wife Jane at their wedding in 1965

Liberator more than a thousand miles back to base. For this, he would never afterwards take the credit. "I always think God's hand must have been at those controls that day," he used to say. But his crew were under no illusion. Every year, its surviving members wrote to him at Christmas and on his birthday. Their message was always the same "To the skipper

who saved our lives." For this, and numerous other acts of heroism, Beadon was awarded the DFC. The citation, published in the London Gazette on August 17. 1945, described him as "an exceptional and courageous flight commander who by his enthusiasm and fine fighting spirit has set an inspiring example to the other members of his squadron."

Characteristically, Beadon remained on active service in South East Asia, and was unavailable for a Buckingham Palace investiture. But King George VI, meeting him later, at once recollected the circumstances of the award and told Beadon: "It is to men like you that we owe our freedom." In 1947 he married Vicki Oliver, whose two-year-old son John by her previous marriage became so devoted to Beadon that he took his name by deed-poll and was brought up in every sense as his own child. In 1950 Beadon took command of 297 Squadron, piloting Hastings trans-

port aircraft.

But his days of adventure were not over. In 1953 the British Government sent him to Entebbe on a mission of extreme political delicacy. His orders were to abduct the Kabaka of Buganda, Sir Edward Frederick Mutesa ("King Freddie"), whose life was considered to be in danger from growing unrest in his country. As anticipated, the Kahaka did not leave willingly. While Beadon kept his

engines running on the tarmac, King Freddie was dragged on board, with a blanket over his head, protesting loudly.

On landing in Britain, Beadon, with the great charm of which he was capable, bowed to the Kabaka and

apologised for this act of lese majesté. King Freddie smiled and shook hands. He never blamed Beadon, even when, after his final overthrow in 1966, the deposed ruler found himself living on national assistance in a Bermondsey tenement. From 1954 until 1957 Beadon was British Air Attaché in Caracas. In 1962 he joined the Ministry of Defence as a pilot training and navig-

ation specialist. His first wife died from cancer in 1964, and at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on February 11, 1965, Beadon made a hugely publicised second marriage to Mrs Jane Whigham. the 51-year-old widow of the multimillionaire textile magnate, George Hay Whigham, and stepmother of the celebrated society beauty, Marga-ret Duchess of Argyll.

The couple sailed on the Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth to a honeymoon in Nassau, in the Bahamas, which they spent at Seahaven, the mansion on Cable Beach of Mrs Beadon's late husband. Their presence there caused fury on the part of her estranged stepdaughter, the Duchess, whom Jane Beadon had sued the previous year for libel, slander and conspiracy, winning £25,000 in damages. After his retirement from

the RAF in 1966 Beadon, already the inventor of a jungle suit and the escape kit for airmen, became one of the world's leading authorities on dowsing, and Vice-President of the British Society of Dowsers. He possessed an uncanny ability — often using only a map, a pendulum and a small container of crude oil - to deposits of oil in far-off places. such as Africa and South America, British Petroleum sceptical of such claims, asked for a practical demonstration. They were so shaken by its accuracy that they told him: This could be used for industrial espionage. Please keep away. For his work as a dowser,

Beadon invented a pendulum and what he termed a "spiral of tranquillity", both acrylic models containing small gem-stones of his own selection. He said the function of these was "to correct the Earth's unbaianced energy lines within their immediate vicinity". In February 1996 he appeared on the ITV programme The Paranormal World of Paul Mc-Kenna and, again using only a map, a pendulum, and a small deposit of oil, said he had located "between 50 and 75 million gailons of oil" in Windsor Great Park, south of the castle and just north of Frogmore House. But he estimated that to extract the oil could risk polluting most of

London's water supply.

A Scot descended from the actress Sarah Siddons, his second wife Jane proved to be woman of great strength of character and their marriage was a very happy one. Even after her confinement to a wheelchair through the onset of multiple sclerosis, she supported her husband bravely through his own battle against Raynaud's disease and a recent stroke. Clive Beadon had no children of his own by either of his marriages. He is survived by Jane and by his stepson from his first marriage.

RAY COLEMAN

Ray Coleman former editor of Melody Maker, died of cancer on September 10 aged 59. He was born in Leicester on June 15, 1937.

AT THE time Ray Coleman was beginning his journalistic career, the concept of the teenager had yet to be invented, and any suggestion that popular music was a subject for discussion in the serious press would have caused breakfast-time apoplexy across the Shires. That in the ms death the Ironi pages of both tabloids and broadsheets covered as a matter of apparently national importance the latest soapopera episode in the career of the Manchester band Oasis demonstrates neatly just how much times changed within his working lifetime.

Now, pop provides a daily backdrop not just for teenagers but for a large section of the population often widely separated by age, education and background. Its personalines and cultural significance are deemed worthy of discussion by even the most heavyweight newspapers. Pop. music has not merely achieved respectability, but has acquired its own "scholarship" and secondary literature. Coleman was, though not selfpublicising or high profile, a significant figure in that area of the media which documented and, to a large

Ray Coleman took his first newspaper job at 15 - as tea boy on the Leicester Evening Mail. After National Service in the Army, he joined the Brighton Evening Argus, then spent two years as a reporter on the Manchester Evening News, with industrial affairs as his speciality. While there, and reflecting his own keen interest in popular music, he became a local stringer for the then jazz and showbiz-dominated weekly. Melody Maker. Its editor, Jack Hutton, was impressed with the solid journalistic skills demonstrated in his copy and, in 1960, offered him a staff job in its London

extent, helped to influence that

offices. At a time when many entertainment specialists offered enthusiasm rather than news awareness, he proved a valuable addition: investigative reporting, rather than breathless reportage, was his style, and the paper acquired a new professionalism as a

When Beatlemania broke loose in 1963, Melody Maker shifted its axis to become essential reading for the new wave of young pop fans. Newly confirmed as deputy editor, Coleman was dispatched on tour with the four Liverpholians, and his quiet professionalism quickly won their trust and respect, coming as a welcome antidote to the media mayhem unfolding all around them

His relationship with John Lennon proved particularly strong, and his first book was to be a two-volume biography. compiled with the co-operation of both Cynthia Lennon and Yoko Ono, and published in 1984, four years after the star's death. Subsequently he also completed an exhaustive work on the group's manager. Brian Epstein, who died in

1967. Coleman left Melody Maker in 1967 to take charge of the sister paper Disc, but returned three years later as editor. Sharpening its edge by hiring young writers with a similar local newspaper background to his own, he took the title to a circulation in excess of 200,000 copies in 1972 - still a record for a weekly music

The Coleman style was for a front page dominated by dramatic stories of impending tours and new releases by the

top acts of the day - or, there being nothing new under the sun, fallings-out and breakups. Always keen to promote new young talent, both jour-nalistic and musical, he put the paper's considerable influence behind the fledgeling careers of such pop acts as Elton John, Roxy Music and David Bowie, and was not fazed even when the first stirrings of the punk movement were noted in mid-1970s London.

Ironically, it was almost as if punk's inherent lack of was to be the Melody Maker's undoing, and the title became eclipsed in both sales and street cred by its younger and more irreverent sister paper, the New Musical Express.

In 1979, Coleman stepped down as editor - but retained a senior position within the publishers IPC for two further years, helping to launch such thles as Black Music and Musicians Only - to concentrate on freelance journalism and book-writing.

In addition to his Beatlesrelated works, these included collaborations with the Rolling Stone Bill Wyman on his autobiography Stone Alone, and with Gerry Marsden on I'll Never Walk Alone. Among other titles, he also published a biography of Eric Clapton and, most recently, in 1994, an incisive and well-received study of the professional and private lives of the Carpenters. At the time of his death he was nearing completion of an authorised life of Phil Collins.

Ray Coleman is survived by his wife, Pamela, and by two sons.



Next Bishop of Southampton The Rev Canon Jonathan Gledhill. Vicar, St Mary Bredin, Canterbury, diocese of Canterbury, and an Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Southampton, in the diocese of Winchester, succeeding the Rt Rev John Perry, now Bish-

op of Chelmsford. Other appointments

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The Rev Marc Boutan, Assistant Priest. St tant Priest. St Andrew's, . Mount Pleasant (South Carolina. ECUSA): to be Assistant The Rev Jeffrey Daly, Assis-

Church news

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The Rev Colin Critchley, NSM. Saints Nicholas and Mary. Halewood: now also Diocesan Child Protection Adviser (Liverpool).

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try (Southwell). The Rev Dr David de Pomerai, Assistant Curate (NSM). St Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield: to be Associate Minister (NSM), Clifton Team Ministry (Southwell). The Rev Ian Ellery, Rector, Parrington w. Hollym, Wel-

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Team Rector, Howden Team Ministry (York). The Rev Philip Hudd, Curate, St. Mark, Kirkby: to be Priestin-charge of that parish

(Liverpool). The Very Rev Kenneth Jennings. Dean of Gloucester (Gloucester): to be Dean Emeritus as from November on retirement. Resignations and

retirements The Rev Ian Jelley, Priest-incharge, Learn Lane (Durham): to resign September 30, with permission to officiate, same diocese. The Rev John Loxton, Vicar,

Turners Hill (Chichester): to retire September 30. The Rev Canon Bill Peters, Rector, Uckfield (Chichester): retired August 31. The Rev Kenneth Withington, Vicar, Cricklade w Latton, and

Rural Dean of Cricklade (Bris-

toll: to retire January 31, 1997.

FOUR YEARS A CAPTIVE AT ST. MIHIEL THE EXPERIENCES OF AN IRISH GIRL

(From a Special Correspondent) American Army, Sept. 13 The people of St. Militel, delivered from German rule after four years, to-day brought out flags which they had carefully hidden away, put on the best clothes they could find, and celebrated the day by shaking hands with all who went into the tow

I had the strange experience of meeting an Irish girl who had been in the town all through the German occupation. It was while I was walking through one of the main street stopping to chat with civilians who hastened shake hands, that a voice with an Irish brogue greeted me and a colleague with the question:
"Are you Americans!" We answered that we were the first Englishmen to enter the town. Then this young Irish girl. Miss Aline Henry. of Toberdovy House, Dundore, County Lough. wearing a neat Union Jack bow, cardai antly: "How wonderful! Why. I'm Irish!" At a relative's house she told us the story of

"I came over to France in June, 1914, to live with my uncle, a major in the French Army, to

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which told of personal experi-ences behind the lines.

学业派企 During the closing stages of the war correspondents were glad to come across

learn French. When the war broke out he joined his regiment and a month later the Germans entered the town. I lived with my aunt here, A lady of middle age, who spoke French with a foreign accent and was present in the little room where we talked, its adorned with photographs of her husband and relatives.] We got very little to eat and were forced to find shelter in a cave whenever shelling began. Those who consented to work for the Germans in the fields or in washing clothes or other employment were paid in paper money, the conversion of which into hard cash was "guaranteed" two years after the war. Those who went to the fields were

under military escort. I was imprisoned in the Mairlo for three weeks on suspicion of being a spy. Our greatest troubles were getting food, clothes, and news from the outside world. Every day we had to go out and buy our food from the supplies that the American Relief Commission sent through Belgium, but it was not a great deal. The Germans were in a similar plight. Clothes, too, came through the relief committees, but the majority of us had to dress as best we could.

To get news from our relatives we had m To get news from our relatives we nad to apply to the Red Cross. I got news from my father on several occasions, but although I often wrote to him I doubt whether he got my messages, for he always asked for news. For news we were supplied with the Gazette des Ardennes, the newspaper printed in French by the Germans for the occupied regions, and naturally filled with nothing but what the Germans wished us to believe. About a year ago I became so dispirited when I read of German successes day by day, but it was only momentary and I used to tell the Germans that all would come right for us one day.

When they left they seemed to think something had gone wrong. We knew nothing of the Allies' successes and the first indications of a retreat were when the Germans made preparations to evacuate the town.

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Blair acts to restore order

Tony Blair will try to put the Labour Party back on course after a week of turmoil by ordering his troops to turn their fire on the Tories and away from internal disputes.

The Labour leader, exasperated by lapses of discipline and media concentration on the controversy over future links with the unions and the direction in which he intends to lead the party, will use a speech in the City to encourage it to lift its sights beyond current difficulties to the general election battleground...

Appeal to missing Catholic bishop

Amid growing speculation that he may have gone away with a divorcee, the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland renewed appeals to its missing bishop, the Right Rev Roderick Wright, 56, to get in touch...

Surgery imposed

A High Court judge has sanctioned Caesarean births against a woman's will in two cases which appear to give courts greater powers to impose surgery with-Out consent Page 1

Apology rejected

An unrepentant Labour trade spokesman issued a withering put-down to a union leader who told him to apologise for suggesting the party should ditch the word "socialism".....Page 2

Child benefit policy

Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and David Blunkett are to hold urgent talks to settle Labour's plans to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18year-olds and use the money to help poorer children to stay on at school Page 2

Dressing for dinner

Basil Fawlty would be delighted. The tide may be turning against the decline in standards of dress and behaviour among diners in Britain's hotels

No laughing matter

Telephone watchdogs are targeting premium-rate lines that are the latest practical joke for office workers Page 5

Computer glitch

A £30 million project to create a database on all criminals has been crippled because millions of records cannot be put on to the

University loophole

University admissions officers are angry that a rejected student was allowed to take advantage of the new modular examinations to claim a place.... Page 8

Value-added Dole

Bob Dole will reintroduce himself as the principled leader of American values, unveiling anti-crime and drug proposals designed to capture the many voters who believe the United States is in moral declinePage 9

Tibetan purge

A purge of Tibet's anti-Chinese Buddhist temples has begun as Peking intensifies its drive to compel loyalty among the clergy and to curb their devotion to the Dalai Lama... ... Page 10

Operation for Pope

The Vatican has admitted that the Pope's mysterious recurrent illnesses are due to inflammation of the appendix.....

Tension eases

The Middle East pulled back from the brink of renewed conflict between the United States and Iraq, but the US Defence Secretary, refused to rule out further air attacksPage 11

President in waiting

The next President of Bosnia-Herzegovina could be Momcilo

Krajisnik, a Serb close to Radovan Karadzic, who has been computerPage 6 indicted for war crimes _ Page 13 The cat's whiskers in computers



THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN IN THE TIMES

SPORT Brian Glanville on "the greatest goal ever saw

I LAW Is English law robust enough to come: with the European.

Hollywood hunk: After 15 years, the actor Kurt Russell is returning to the screen in John Carpenter's film Escape from LA. But this time Russell is just as busy behind the

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Rightwingers demonstrating in Milan yesterday against the "declaration of independence" for northern Italy. Report, page 13

sion: Stella Rimington

became the first woman head of

MIS in 1992. Now, six months after

retiring, she writes about the

pressures of the job Page 15

Peering into the gap: The gap year

has never been more popular. We

examine the dilemmas it presents,

and look at research which shows

the culture shock it can create. Ja-

son Cowley and Alex Garland

warn of difficulties and tempta-

tions ahead, Giles Coren stays put

and Rachel Campbell-Johnston goes

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Dust clouds: William Burroughs

explains how volcanic eruptions

can dramatically affect climate

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to the Andes ...

around the world...

Last night: There was plenty of good music at the Last Night of the Proms. And as Andrew Davis told the Albert Hall Prommers, it was a

Penultimate Prom: Sir Georg Solti and the Chicago Symphony thrilled the Albert Hall with a blistering Beethoven's Ninth Page 18 Eton premiere: Ben Elton's play about Hollywood screen violence, Popcorn, unveiled at the Nottingham Playhouse, asks all the right questions without providing any

Football: Liverpool became the new leaders of the FA Carling Pre-

miership with a 3-0 victory over Leicester City at Filbert Street. Patrik Berger scored his first two goals for the club. Chelsea and Aston Villa drew 1-1 at Stamford Pages 25, 29 Bridge ... Cricket: Surrey ended their 14-year

wait for a trophy by beating Glamorgan by seven wickets at Cardiff. It was enough to confirm them as Sunday league champions for the first time.... Rugby union: The threat of leading

Scottish clubs joining their English counterparts in a breakaway competition cannot be ruled out after a meeting between representatives of the English clubs and Scottish

Golf: Jasper Parnevik took advantage of a collapse by Colin Montgomerie to win the Lancome Trophy at St Nom-la-Breteche by ...Page 26 five shots....

Tennis: Alberto Costa won the inaugral Bournemouth International tournament 6-7, 6-2, 6-2 over Marc-Kevin Göllner in the

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Preview: The paediatrician who reduced the death rate: Pioneers: Saving Babies (BBC2, 9pm) Review: Lynne Truss on the most remarkable moment in

What's in a name

Changing attitudes to the word "socialism" reveal a great deal about the changing face of the Labour ... Page 21

Instability pact

Every step Europe takes towards monetary union, Britain seems wiser to be left behind Page 21

Pass Go, collect £200 A man is never more harmlessly

employed than when making Monopoly money. Provided he does not die of boredom ---... Page 21

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

in political terms, the single currency takes economic policy and hands it to unelected European officials. In economic terms, it starts from the high level of European unemployment, will continue to deflate through the convergence process, and will then definte forther when it is established. It will kill democracy and jobs ... Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

Union leaders regard Mr Blair as unsympathetic - and they are right. He is impatient over what he regards as "daft" resolutions adopted by conferences...... Page 20 MATTHEW PARRIS

If I could make a machine able to speak and write, and "teach" it to use the word "I", would you say the machine possessed a sense of personal identity? Page 20

Juliet Prowse, dancer and actress;

Wing-Commander Clive Beadon, wartime bomber pilot...... Page 23

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The advocates of regionalism sup-

port the idea that this is a way of bringing Europe closer to its citizens. The behaviour of Umberto Bossi ought to convince them that it risks smashing Europe to smith-— Le Monde creens

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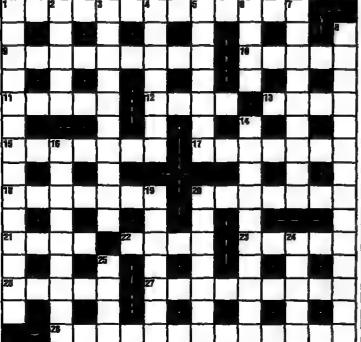
People who are allergic to cats are being given the chance to

pet and foster a kitten of their own. A CD-Rom to be released

this week, National Cat Week, introduces virtual reality cats as

interactive computer pets. Kept within the confines of the.

household PC, the computer cats are programmed to grow on a



ACROSS

- I Smug personality paid in full (4-
- 9 Quality of radio signal in part of hotel (9).
- 10 Player's condition accepted by retiring judge (5).
- 11 In tribulation, a director's lowest point (5). 12 Small part of book about island's
- old music-maker (4). 13 Artistic movement Democrat's
- First Lady joined (4). 15 Flag officer - not the enemy's (7). 17 Language of European maiden -
- one appearing in person? (7). 18 Intellectual, for example, finally donning cape (7).
- 20 He may cut and run and still be caught (7).
- 21 Inquisitive boy turned back by youth leader (4).
- 22 Either part of Royal Navy? (4). 23 Advance my wages, back to start coaching (5).



The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,273 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland mait whisky.

- 26 Ingenuous local missing entrance to town (5).
- 28 Remain neutral, but delay article by criminal (3,2,3,5).

27 Why not start new garden with a

- Crack charwoman's first predilec
- tion -- housework (6-8). 2 Clear-headed Law Lord covering Channel Islands (5).
- 3 One who deceives a police officer? Splendid! (5-5).
- 4 They take things wrongly, being reputedly thick (7).
- 5 Farewell party to enrapture a cricket side (4-3).
- 6 Second judge initially withdraws, being uncertain (4).
- 7 Belief about exploit engenders expectation of failure (9). 8 Short break for soldiers in swim-
- ming area (9-5). 14 Player's adaptation of French tale
- 16 Organisation formed to record one's nervous spasms (9). 19 Marine creature initially placed in
- hold at sea (7), 20 Suspicion about daughter's liberality (7).
- 24 Spring, say, deposited in rubbish receptacle (5).
- 25 Unrelenting rhythm can make us exhausted (4).
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Gas pipeline: British Gas is on the

verge of reaching a deal with big

North Sea gas and oil producers

that will lift a cloud hanging over

the company's future...... Page 48

Phone tap: One of the biggest stock

market debuts, the £9 billion flota-

tion of Deutsche Telekom, may be

unexpectedly delayed...... Page 48

Equal shares: Whatever the official

figures may claim about equality in

Britain, Graham Searjeant con-

cludes that poverty is in the eye of

Soft shoe: An attempt at a City

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group that owns Selfridges and is

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Maximum temperature 19C to 21C Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen: Dry with surny periods. Wind south to southeasterly moderate. Maximum temperature 16C to 18C

161F to 64F). NE, NW Scotland: Dry but rather cloudy at times. Wind south to south-

to 17C (59F to 63F). Orkney, Shetland: Dry but rather cloudy at times. Wind south to south-easterly moderate to fresh. Max 14C to 16C (57F to 61F).

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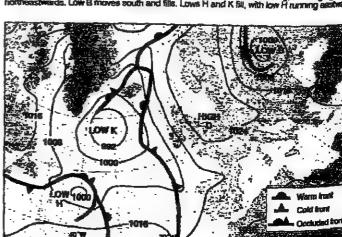
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Leboeuf ghosts in at the far post to steer the ball past Oakes, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, and score Chelsea's equaliser at Stamford Bridge yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Stalemate at Stamford Bridge allows Liverpool to go top of Premiership

Villa survive test of timing

Chelsea Aston Villa ..

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

BRIAN LITTLE, the Aston Villa manager, wore the look of a relieved man. He was reflecting on the moment just before half-time that Chelsea scored their equalising goal and described it as potentially decisive. In the event, Chelsea were denied the victory that would have put them on top of the FA Carling Premiership and had to settle for a draw. It was a just enough result, after an excellent first half and a second half that faded away in the bright sunshine at Stamford Bridge.

Little admitted that Chelsea's goal, put in on the blind side by Leboeuf, from Petrescu's curling pass, suddenly put his team under pressure. "You've got to come through that," he said, "and we were pleased to come through but

disappointed in the way we gave the ball away. In the first half, we did well and I was pleased with that. In the second half we gave it away too much for my liking. We had a good first touch. I liked that, but we were sloppy with our second ball. We stopped it too often instead of keeping the ball moving. Because of these than keep in our graph half."

that, they kept us in our own half."
Significantly, Chelsea's manager,
Ruud Gullit, still postporning his
own, much awaited return to the
field, changed his strategy after the
interval. Johnsen, who was injured,
came off and in his place, Gullit
boldly sent on Jodie Morris, 17, a
little, natural inside forward, whose
confidence grows game by game.
Spritching his team's formation

confidence grows game by game. Switching his team's formation from 3-5-2 to 4-4-2, Gullit encouragingly showed that, unlike his predecessor, he makes neither a fetish nor a panacea of tactics. Little, for his part, told his own team: "It may be a compliment that the team said to be better than you at the system you're

playing had to change their system."

Villa did not change theirs, which worked pretty well defensively throughout the game. Little was "most pleased with Steve Staunton. He gave us a dimension down the left, but in the second half, when we were under pressure he hung in there". Villa played much attractive and progressive football in their first half, but it was a set-piece that brought them their goal in the brought them their goal to was brought down just outside the penalty box by Burley. Cunningly,

Yorke touched it to Townsend, the former Chelsea player, whose left-foot shot snared into the far top corner. Hitchcock reaching it but failing to stop it.

Hitchcock, however, had several distinguished moments in Chelsea's goal. As early as the severath minute, he saved a point-blank header by Milosovic. On the half-hour, Curcic, working a one-two with Draper, darted through the Chelsea defence, only for Hitchcock to save again. Then, 18 minutes into the second half, when Nelson latched on to a half-cleared corner to fire in a shot, Hitchcock blocked it, though he

must surely have seen the ball late.
Oakes, Villa's second-choice goal-keeper, was also performing well.
In the first half he extended himself fully to turn over a clever lob by the adventurous Leboeuf, and in the second, he frustrated the same player by palming away a header.

"Leboeuf has played very well,"

happy with him." Well he might be, and well Gullit might sympathise with Lebocuf and the other Chelsea players for the battering they had to endure at times under the eye of Jeff Winter, a referee at once permissive and unobservant. "I want to say a lot of things, but I think it is best I

Arsenal founder _____ Graham's task _____ Berger sparkles _____

don't say anything," Gullit said.

Gullit had felt his tactical changes allowed Chelsea to control the game in the second half, but the fact that Chelsea relied so heavily on Leboeut's initiatives was a commentary on the ineffectiveness of their attack. Vialli, in particular, was strangely anonymous, seldom able to get the better of Ehiogu and Southeate.

Southgate, a few minutes before

saving tackle when Di Matteo burst through. To give Vialli his due, it was he who had set the movement going deep in his own half, holding the ball up before releasing it against three opponents. It was an act that promised much, but would, alas, be ultimately forgotten.

But Southgate, as we saw during Euro 96 has his momentary abberations — and I am not referring to that penalty — and one weak header in the first half enabled Myers to get in a shot that narrowly cleared the far right-hand post.

The feeling persists that we shall not see the best of Chelsea until Gullit plays, but that will only happen when his body tells him it is the right moment.

The right moment.

CHELSÉA (3-6-2): K. Hitchcock. — F. Lebosuf, S. Clarke, E. Johnson (subr. J. Morris, Gérray. — D. Petressul, D. Wies, C. Burriey (subr. J. Spencer, 88), R. Di Matteo, A. Myers — M. Hughes, G. Viell.

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M. Deless. — S. Staumton, U. Bragur, G. Southgate. — F. Molson, M. Draper, S. Curroc, A. Wingrid, A. Townsend. — S. Millosevic (sub. T. Johnson, 94), D. Yorke.





"Giggs is treading water. When he emerged, people imagined they saw a great player in the making. He will never be a great player now, that much is obvious."

BASSETT



"I had to tell my players to focus on the game and not to read any of the newspapers. I never had that problem with players at Wimbledon and Sheffield United, because they couldn't read."

Dave Bassett



"English clubs experienced mixed results in Europe, last week but it was hardly the disaster implied. Even by the usual standards there was a lot of rubbish talked."

Steve McManaman

FOOTBALL PAGES 27-31





Davies in prime form for Solheim challenge

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE secret of Laura Davies's success hitherto has been her admirable attitude, her physical and mental fortitude and some remarkable golfing skills of which her prodigious length was the principal but, by no means the only one. This season she has demonstrated a maturity in her golf that has enabled her to step up to a new level of performance that is thrilling to behold. As a result, Davies is dominating the women's game in a way that is worth

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writing home about. Davies won the Wilkinson Sword Ladies English Open by four strokes at The Oxfordshire to record the 47th victory of her career. It was gloriously calm and sunny yesterday. and Davies gave a perfect demonstration of how she is now able to play attacking, yet not necessarily risky, golf, taking full advantage of her length without ever doing

FINAL SCORES

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anything that could be described as dangerous. Helen Alfredsson, from Sweden, was two strokes behind at the start of the day, but was never given a glimmer of a chance that she might have been able to turn into a challenge. Quite simply. Da-

vies was supreme. Davies's final round, of 67, won her the first prize of £15,000. Since the first day, when she had a level-par 72, Davies had put together three rounds that totalled 15 under par. It was her seventh tournament victory this year and her second in Europe. She remains second to Alfredsson in the European money-list, while continuing to lead the American equivalent, but she is closing the gap at the top. Before this event, Alfredsson led by nearly £7,000; now. Davies has narrowed it to less than £2,000.

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It has not always been the case that, when Davies led, she would hold on for a comfortable victory, but she certainly did yesterday. She looked as carefree as ever and comfortable in black shorts that matched perfectly Alfredsson's trousers, and there was no hint of misadventure about her golf.

She covered the outward

half in eight pars and claimed an easy eagle on the 7th, when her eight-iron second shot ended eight feet from the flag.

Alfredsson closed to within one stroke at the 4th, but thereafter she was always falling behind as Davies came back in 33.

Though Alfredsson hit beautiful approach shots to beautiful approach shots to the 14th and 16th greens shots that flew low, hit the putting surface and shuddered violently to a halt close enough for her to sink both outts for birdies - she knew that she was playing for second place.

"I played solidly all week." Davies said in a statement of the obvious. "I hadn't holed a [birdie] putt [in the final round) until that eagle at the seventh. It gave me a kick start. I had an easy birdie on the 11th and then I was happy to cruise in. The key to it all? I didn't make any crucial errors."

It was a good week for Davies and a good week for Mickey Walker and those members of her Europe team for the Solheim Cup who were competing here. All seven of them had rounds under par yesterday, all finishing in positions between first and jointseventeenth. Only Alison Nicholas failed to beat par for the tournament, and she fininshed level on 288.

Now, the focus in women's solf moves 100 miles or so to the west, over the Severn Bridge to the parkland course of St Pierre, at Chepstow, and the start of the biennial threeday match against the United States on Friday.

It is one of the four team events in golf that have become so exciting lately, the others being the Ryder, Walker and Curtis Cups. Davies can hardly wait. "It is time to do battle, but

we must make sure we enjoy it, too, win or lose," Davies said. It is hard to think of a better person on whom to pin one's hopes or one who demonstrates a better attitude.



Davies tees off on her way to a four-stroke victory at The Oxfordshire yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Parnevik pulls victory out of bag

FROM MELWESS

THERE are no half-measures for Colin Montgomerie. Two weeks ago he played the last 36 holes of the European Masters in 18 under par, and won. Yesterday he birdied the first five holes of the final round in the Lancome Trophy and lost.

That sequence of birdies at the start of his round at Saint Nom-la-Breteche helped Montgomerie to lead Jesper Parnevik by two strokes after five holes. The Swede then made up seven shots on Montgomerie in the next ten holes. Montgomerie playing that stretch in five over par and Parnevik in two under. "I played well at the start,

but to be honest I didn't hit a golf shot after the 6th. Montgomerie said, after his disappointing 71. "I played remarkably badly. Yes, I am tired, but I am not making excuses. I opened the door for Jesper and he walked straight through it. All credit to him." Parnevik's 67 put him on

268, 12 under par, and took him to a five-shot victory over Montgomerie, with Ross Drummond, the unheralded Scot, finishing third and winning £40,690, the biggest cheque of his career. Montgomerie's E72.210 extended his lead over lan Woosnam in their contest for leadership of the European order of merit to E115,000.

step to maturity as a tournament golfer in the United States this year, but rarely can his resolve have been more severely tested than when Montgomerie threw that run of birdies at him with three putts from 20 feet, one of 12 feet and one from seven.

become even more ramrod straight than it usually is, his gaze a touch more focused, his step just a little more purposeful. As Montgomerie's fortunes waned, so Parnevik's just as inexorably waxed, and by the time they reached the 14th he was two strokes ahead.

Instead, his back seemed to

It was there, at the 467-yard par four, that the destination of the winner's cheque for £108,330 was finally settled. Montgomerie failed to hit the green and then missed his

PARIS SCORES

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as Parnevik made his from six feet for a birdie. The gap was four. The tournament, even with four holes to play, was over. "That was the moment I knew it was mine." Parnevik said later.

"After Colin's start, (thought it was all over. He seemed to be in a league of his own and I didn't think there was much I could do. But the birdies at the 4th and 5th kept me in touch and after that Colin seemed to lose his focus a little bit. His game was just not the same, and I managed keep mine together."

Parnevik's performance drew attention again to the system in place for Ryder Cup selection for the match at Valderrama next September. Under a rule change passed last December, he is no longer



the qualifying points list unless he agrees to play a minimum of 11 tournaments in Europe next year.

His performance here brought support from the powerful voice Montgomerie. "We cannot go to Valderrama without Jesper Parnevik," Montgomerie said. "He has to be there." Montgomerie will take up

the cudgels on Parnevik's behalf at the next meeting of the tournament committee on October 2, the day before the start of the German Masters.

Meanwhile, Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, was unmoved by the eloquent actions of Parnevik in the last four days. "Jesper can rejoin the Tour next year if he so wishes," Schofield said.

It seems to be the feeling among players and administrators that, as only two European players — Parnevik and Nick Faldo - play the majority of their golf outside Europe, the present regula-tions can be left as they are. "Many players have won

tournaments and not been in the team," Schofield said. "It's his [Pamevik's] judgment. In any case, the system that is in place is the one that regained the Ryder Cup last time." It should be added, perhaps

that it is the same system that also lost the match the time before that.

BASKETBALL

Injury to Austin a worry for **Towers**

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE sight of Neville Austin lying on his team's bench throughout the second half at Worthing on Saturday, his swollen left ankle swathed in towels, was one that Kevin Cadle could have done without. It was hardly the promising start to the season that the London Towers coach had envisaged.

The oft Ilin England international centre had twisted his ankle in a dispute for possession with Darryl Reshaw shortly before half-time. Although the Budweiser League champions looked none too impressive in their 81-54 victory, Cadle's main concern was evident. With Towers due to begin their arduous European Champions' Cup programme in Verona on Wednesday, the last thing they needed was an even more seriously depleted squad.

Karl Brown is out until November, at least, with a broken left ankle suffered during a swimming pool incident when the squad was on its pre-season tour in Italy. One foreign player, most likely the American forward. Tony Windless, will have to sit out the game in Verona because of Fiba regulations, and now Austin is a serious

"It would be a major blow if Neville is not with us," Cadle said. Austin had collected only three points before his departure, but it was in his absence that Towers paradoxically emphasised his strength. Without Austin's height and with Worthing likely to adopt a zone defence - which they did - Cadle decided that Towers had to improve on their slender 37-34 interval lead from long range.

His new German signing. Paul Deppisch, promptly obliged, adding to his earlier two three-pointers with four successive shots from long range during a scoring spree that also included two threepointers, by Steve Nelson and Cleave Lewis, for Worthing. Lewis, Worthing's new player-coach now that Colin Irish has departed for Cholet, in France. made a welcome return after his year's absence. Handicapped by the arrival

only a few hours beforehand of one jet-lagged American. Anthony Thomas, Worthing will fare better once a work permit is processed for his compatriot, James Hamilton. Crystal Palace led 17-4 at Derby Storm on their return to the big-time but eventually succumbed 86-74, despite 24 points from Richard Scantlebury, whose brother, Peter, the England captain, hit 32 for Thames Valley Tigers in their crushing 116-82 win at Hemel

IN BRIEF

Morgan prospers in role of underdog

BRIAN MORGAN was within striking distance of becoming champion of the Asian Classic tournament here in Bangkok last night when he led Ronnie O'Sullivan 7-6 in their best-of-17 frame final (Phil Yates writes).

Morgan, whose victims this week have included Jimmy White. Stephen Hendry and Tony Drago, unexpected. ly defeated Ken Doherty, the No 7 seed, 5-1 in the semi-finals on Saturday but the 500-1 pre-tournament outsider remained a decided underdog against O'Sullivan, after his impressive 5-2 win over Alan McManus in the other semi-final.

If Morgan was nervous before his debut in the final of a world-ranking event, it was not apparent as he outscored O'Sullivan 298-0 in establishing a 3-0 advantage and, though O'Sullivan levelled at 3-3. Morgan took the next with a 135 total clearance and followed that with a further

Team triumph

Cycling: Chris Boardman, Britain's world one-hour record-holder, raced to his third international time-trial victory on successive weekends yesterday when, partnered by Uwe Peschel, of Germany, he led the 84kilometre Telekom Grand Prix in Karlsrühe from start to finish.

The Boardman-Peschel "tandem" recorded a winning time of thr 36min 35sec to beat the all-German pairing of Olaf Ludwig and Rolf Aldag.

Hall on form

Radminton: Darren Hall suggested that at the age of almost 31 he is likely to remain England's leading singles player when he won the men's singles title for the third successive time in the opening tournament of the Friends Provident British Grand Slam circuit in Pertis yesterday.

Briton pipped

Powerboat racing: Rudolf Mihaldinecz, of Hungary, captured the world Formula Three powerboat champion-Prix in Belgrade yesterday. Ian Andrews, of Britain, finished runner-up in the championship and fifth in the

Gibson strikes

Hockey: Richard Gibson scored twice for East Grinstead in the 4-1 victory over Guildford in the final of the Hampstead and Westminster Challenge Hockey Tour-

TENNIS: UMPIRE'S VERDICT EASES PATH TO VICTORY FOR SPANIARD IN BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Disputed decision helps confident Costa call the tune

BY ALIX RAMSAY

ALBERTO COSTA is getting to like Bournemouth. One day he may even learn to pronounce it. Yesterday, in the place he calls "Bourney Mooth", he defeated a distinctly-unhappy Marc-Kevin Göllner 6-7, 6-2, 6-2 to win the inaugural Bournemouth International tournament at the West Hants tennis club.

Although the victory will not affect the new world rankings published today — he should stay in fifteenth position — it has fired his confidence and his enthusiasm for the fray as the season enters the home straight and he sets his sights on a place in the top ten by the

end of the year. The fact that such confidence has come from a week in Bournemouth has surprised him more than anyone. I like to play in the sun and England is normally a little bit raining - well, a lot raining — but this week has been sunshine every day," he said. "The city is good, the club is very good, this is a very interesting tournament."

Of rather more interest to Göllner was the quality of the line-calls. Both players did their bit to keep Gerry Armstrong, the umpire, fit, calling him down from the chair to check the marks on suspect was not to be moved, Göllner was effectively out of the

match. Break point down in the fourth game of the final set. Costa hit a forehand on the line, the line judge called it wide and Armstrong overruled, to award the game to the Spaniard.

So began a long and involved argument that continued for the next game and a half, while Costa got on with the business of winning his third title of the year and adding a further £36,000 to his bank balance.

Maybe Göliner thought he would get the benefit of the doubt now that he is virtually a local boy. Three years ago as his fame grew in Germany, he gave up the delights of living Bonn to retreat to the

Harpenden. That was the year of his one and only tournament victory. Since then nothing has been quite the same and he has struggled to get past the first round for much of this year.

It had looked at first as if Sunday could mark the turning point for Göllner. Wearing his new trademark, an odd pair of shoes - one green one red - he sprinted to an early lead as Costa, took his time to warm up. But as the Spaniard got into his stride, Göliner ran out of steam at the start of the second set. By the time he was taking on Armstrong as well as Costa, it was all over.

"It is something strange

when you are on the court," Costa said. "You are very nervous and always you are thinking the ball is good and the decision should always be for you. But the umpire is more relaxed. I think the umpire today was very good."

Well, he would say that. But then, most everything has been going Costa's way this year. With so many players breathing down his neck for pole position in the Spanish rankings, competition is fierce. "If you want to be No 1 or No 2 in Spain and play Davis Cup you have to work hard at every tournament or another Spaniard is going to win the title," he said. If only the same were true in Britain.



Costa: awarded point

RUGBY UNION: LITTLE TO ENCOURAGE SELECTORS IN DRAB TRIAL MATCH

Late try spares blushes of established order

BY A CORRESPONDENT

AN EXPERIMENTAL Irish XV, which included eight full international players, made life difficult for Leinster in the second of the season's warm-

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anaesthesia by specialist surgeons . Fast, effective treatment • Overnight stay able - Affordable all inclusive fees • DHA registered • All major

health insurers recognised. The London Hernia Centre 0171-328 1228 up matches, at Donnybrook in Dublin yesterday evening. Leinster, though strength, were still able to field six players with international experience, but it did not show, especially in the first half. And the Irish XV were clearly tired, many of them having been involved in Saturday's Courage Clubs Championship programme.

Just what the national selectors, who these times spend every weekend in England, made of it all is debatable. But they can hardly have been encouraged by the second-half fade-out, and their blushes were saved only by a late try from Richard Wallace, a secand period, be it said, which was more akin to an end-ofseason festival than to interna-

The national side had

tional preparation.

streaked into a six point lead within seven minutes, courtesy of two well-struck penalty goals from stand-off Paul Burke. His opposite number. Richard Governey, then knocked one over for Leinster,

an opportunistic unconverted try for the Irish XV. Governey's drop goal was countered by another Burke penalty goal, who then converted a try by David Corkery. and Governey's second penal-ty goal was followed by the Irish XV's third try, scored by Malcolm O'Kelly, and not

before Richard Wallace scored

Just on half time, scrum half Alain Rolland took a tapped penalty, caught the Irish napping, and scored between the posts. A veritable spate of scores followed thereafter. But Leinster, in the end, were

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BOWLS

England clinch title

ENGLAND'S junior bowlers won the British Isles Under-25 team title for the first time at Ayrnorthfield yesterday, when a late surge earned them a dramatic 121-101 victory over treland, the favourites, (David Rhys Jones writes).

The Irish, who opened with a big win over Wales, before defeating Scotland, the holders, seemed on course to win the triple crown when they led England by ten shots after five ends, and by two shots after

England then levelled at 79-79 after 15 and a remarkable scoring spree from the rink skipped by Nicky Jones, of Bournemouth, carried them to victory. Jones trailed Blair Somers II-12 after 15 ends, but returned a 3-3-1-3-4-1 sequence

For some time yesterday the

Scots looked as if they might beat Wales by a sufficiently large margin to enable them to retain the title - they needed to win by an 11-shot difference - but, in the end, they were relieved to scrape home by one

Ireland finished in second place, just ahead of Scotland, with Wales in fourth place.



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Adams adds to season of upheaval at Highbury

IT APPEARED almost impossible for Arsenal's season to degenerate any further but, on Saturday, it did. Twenty-four hours after Stewart Houston the assistant manager, had resigned after ten years at the club, Tony Adams, the captain, admitted he had a drink problem and was attending Alcoholics Anonymous.

Arsenal's once proud and dignified reputation was thus sullied again, the latest in an apparently never-ending series of revelations doing little to assist their weekend preparations for the FA Carling Premiership match against Sheffield Wednesday at Highbury tonight,

Houston's unexpected departure and Adams's disclosure has created an even more unsettled climate for the imminent arrival of Arsene Wenger, Arsenal's managerelect. After weeks of prevarication, the beleaguered north London club is today expected to announce the date of Wenger's move from Japan, where he is coach of Nagoya Grampus Eight.

Adams, 29, captained England during Euro 96 but has not played for club or country this season because of a knee injury, missing the 3-0 win in Moldavia, the first match of England's World Cup qualify-

ing campaign.
Though he first accepted in February that he had an alcohol problem, he felt he was coping with it. He was noticeable by his absence from the antics of some of the England players on the pre-Euro '96 tour of the Far East. However, after the semi-final defeat against Germany, he sought solace in a "quiet drink" with friends. His in-

take escalated again, rapidly. "I have a lot of things to do, a lot of things to work on, and I am doing it," Adams, unshaven and close to tears, said. changing my way of life, and would like respect from you." He then added: "Well, I would like respect from myself.

which he served two, for drink-driving offences; three years later, he needed 29 stitches in a head injury after falling down at a night club. More recently, his marriage broke down, with his wife, Jane, having to receive treat-

widespread support, from his club, his team-mates and the Football Association. Paul Merson, the Arsenal forward, who is still attending counselling sessions for drink, drugs and gambling problems, has offered advice.

man, said yesterday: Tony has our full backing. If there is anyone who is mentally tough enough to deal with this, it is him. It came as a shock to us but he showed during Euro '96 what a resilient character he is. Paul Merson got his act together, now Tony has to." John Gorman, assistant to

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, said: "There is nothing to talk about, it is an FA matter. At the moment, Glenn and I haven't given it a

It is unlikely that Adams will play against Sheffield Wednesday this evening. Although he has returned to training, he has not yet fully recovered from injury. Dennis Bergkampwill also be missing, having pulled a ham-string during the 3-2 Uefa Cup defeat by Borussia Mönchengladbach last week.

However, Adams's long-

and Aston Villa defender, has faced a similar dilemma, on lo-year career. "I haven't touched any drink for a long time and I'm not finding it hard," he said yesterday. "Alcohol really isn't an issue in

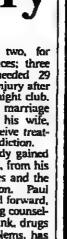
Brabin arrested

GARY BRABIN, the Blackpool midfield player, was arrested by police after an incident involving Jamie Bates, the Brentford captain, at the end of the 1-1 draw in the Nationwide League second division match at Griffin Park on Saturday (Russell Kempson writes). Brabin was later released on bail.

The incident, in which Bates was allegedly punched on the back of the neck, took place after the players had left the pitch and were filing through the tunnel towards the dressing-rooms. Bates, 28, was carried to an ambulance on a stretcher, wearing an oxygen mask, but was later discharged from hospital.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "We were called to the Brentford dressing room and told that one of their players had collapsed after an alleged assault by a Blackpool player. He [Brabin] was arrested, taken to Chiswick police station and later released on bail." Brabin must report back on October 17 to

discover if he will be charged. A Brentford spokesperson said yesterday: There will be no further statement from the club, at least until the start of been allowed to settle."



ment for cocaine addiction. Adams has already gained

Steve Double, an FA spokes-

Borussia

term future is unlikely to be affected, as long as he continues to confront and control the problem. Footballers have long been known for their capacity to drink vast amounts, "run it off" the next day and play in a match as if

nothing had happened.
Paul McGrath, the Ireland Six years ago. Adams was my life anymore." For Adams, jailed for four months, of the battle has only just begun.

y ladies from Ballinrobe to climb the holy mountain of Croagh Patrick and plant a Mayo flag not in the hands of the statue of St Patrick - someone else had already done that - but on the steeple of the little hilltop church, thereby ending all debate in the county about which flag was the highest? What else would bring planeloads of exiles whooping and hollering, waving flags and banging drums on the road to the ancient citadel of Croke Park in honour of

You could have had long odds on Meath playing Mayo in the All-Ireland imal when the season began, long months ago. Neither were deemed to be ready for the ultimate challenge in Irish sport. Meath, with their Arsenal-like reputation for law enforcement and the memory of Peter McDermott, who captained them to the title in 1954 wearing a cloth cap, and the more whimsical Mayo, still



Dempsey, of Mayo, powers his way past Coyle and McDermott in the Meath defence to score the only goal at Croke Park yesterday. Meath forced a replay in the final seconds

Ireland flies the flag for a family affair

Andrew Longmore in Dublin samples a heady cocktail of friendly sporting Hill, near Killadoon in Co Mayo, the words "Up Mayo" have been rivalry and intense local pride at the All-Ireland Gaelic football final mown into the grass. Each letter is 20 feet tall, each one a reminder to the field's owner, Richard Austen, that just for a day, the day of the All-Ireland Gaelic football final between Meath and Mayo, he is an outsider in his own home.

Austen, you see, has settled in Mayo, but comes from Meath, an unimpeachable fact that Michael McNally, Austen's next door neighbour, thought worthy of wider publicity — particularly as Austen had provoked response by planting a green and gold Meath flag on the access road to Roonith Hill. A Meath flag in deepest West Mayo? McNally true Mayomen would have done the same. Or worse. It is all part of the place and family and community which is the point of the whole shenanigan.

What else would inspire two elderchildhoods only dimly recalled?

clinging desperately to the memories of their last title, 45 years ago.

Both teams have improved out of all recognition through the season, and not even the shrewdest judges of the game — and opinions flow more freely than the stout — would care to have a Cheltenham-sized punt on the

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from Mayo or Meath. Then there is no doubt In England, we play at this game of allegiance. In Cup Final week, the local butchers might deck their window with the team's colours, but when the sturdy representatives of Blackburn Rovers or Manchester United emerge speaking French or Czech or Scandinavian, a little of the local colour is lost. Loyalty is blind

outcome. Except, of course, if you hail

At Croke Park yesterday, almost every one of the 65,000 capacity crowd, some of whom had paid £500 for a ticket on the flourishing black market, would have known one of the 30 players personally, or a cousin or an uncle, or maybe had once played with the hero's brother in the under-13s. And if they had not, they would have pretended, and people would have believed them.

A few down Bohermeen way might have had their conservatory built by Barry Callaghan, the Meath corner forward, who followed his father, Gerry, and uncle Henry, into the county's senior football jersey as well as into the family's joinery business. Callaghan's firm employs two other Meath players, Tommy Dowd, the captain, and Darren Fay.

Tothing much would have stirred in the tiny village of either. All the able-bodied inhabitants had disembarked to Dublin for the weekend to cheer Kenneth Mortimer, guaranteed free drinks for life in any one of the four pubs, win or lose, for being the village's first Ali-Ireland footballer. So many hopes and fears shoehomed into the wonderland of Croke Park, with its spanking new corporate boxes and fancy new stand. The final grossed more than £2

million in gate receipts, and yet the players received not one Irish pound. The nerves were in hock to passion. not pay; the worst form of pressure the pressure of not disgracing family. village, parish or county, of not being stereotyped as village idiot in smoky bars for the next 40 years, of being enshrined in local legend and not having your car scratched by the neighbourhood kids. In the hurlyburly and the flag-waving, the whisties and the raucous songs, signature on a pay-cheoue was at

For the purists and the neutrals able to be objective about these things, the game needed to be noble

passing or negative spoiling. A true game, in the old-fashioned way, to ward off the encroachment of that lingering fear that principles of the game, once handed down by the priests and the Christian Brothers, are being lost between the schools and the clubs. The roots of the Gaelic Athletic

and swooping high catches, not too much of this craven short hand-

Association (GAA) are too deep to be severed by the mere fashion for Roy Keane and Manchester United shirts, though. Besides, Irish soccer has a peculiarly Gaelic quality to it and Hill 16, Jack Charlton's favourite Dublin haunt, is only a long ball away from Croke Park, the monument to the GAA's buoyancy. Nevertheless, the final was a game

for every team in every parish in the 32 counties of the GAA. The neutrals wanted Mayo to win, their green and red flags outnumbering the green and gold of Meath by four to one. Not many of the bearers could say truthfully that they saw Mayo's last All-Ireland title, in 1951, and that could have been the telling factor. Mayo wanted to win that little bit

Gaelic football is a game of pressure and individual duels. Mayo won most of those. But they could not win the match.

Six points ahead midway through the second half, courtesy of a goal (three points) and eight points, Mayo began to tire. Meath, strong and athletic, eased closer and closer, the wind gathering force at their backs, their manager, Sean Boylan, a herbalist by trade, patrolling the touchline.

Mayo desperately tried to cling on to their lead, but with 12 seconds left Meath squared it. After a frantic nothing. No extra time, no heroes or villains, just anticlimax and a replay on September 29. They will have to keep the grass mown on Roonith Hill

Coyle clinches replay for Meath

BY A CORRESPONDENT

MEATH'S survival instincts, honed on a history of dramatic comebacks, rescued them once again as they recovered from a six-point deficit to draw with Mayo in the All Ireland senior football final in Croke Park.

In a dramatic finale to a dispointing game, Colm Coyle, the Meath wing-back, kicked the equalising point in the last minute. Earlier it had looked all over for

Ray Dempsey's goal in the 45th minute gave Mayo a 1-8 to 0-5 lead.

Mayo supporters in the 65,896 crowd were beginning to celebrate their county's first All-Ireland success since 1951 but Meath refused to

Mayo will feel the more disapinted by the result. They were by far the more effective team in the opening half. Liam McHale and David Brady, the midfield players. were well on top and in attack Maurice Sheridan, Ray Dempsey and Colm McManamon were quick and inventive. Mayo led by five points to two by the twentieth minute and were still in control at half-time when they led by 0-7 to 0-4. They stretched their lead early in the second half and when Dempsey scored the game's only goal, a Mayo

victory looked certain. However, Meath regrouped and with Trevor Giles, Brendon Reilly, Darren Fay and Martin O'Connell all in superb form they fought back to earn a

It was the first time that an All Ireland final had finished level since 1988 when Meath drew with Cork. The replay will be on Sunday Week. SCORERS: Mayor R Dempsey 1-0. J Horan 0-3, M Sheridan 0-4, C McManemon, P G Lotus 0-1 each. Meadh: T Sites 0-8, 8 Reitly 0-3, G Garagniy, J McDemont, and C Coyle 0-1 user. MAYO: J Mactien, K Montener, K Cahit, D Plannegan, MAYO: J Maidlen, N Connelly, L McHalo, D Bradey, J Horan (sub: K O'Nelly, C McMenamon, M Sheridan, D Nestor (sub: K O'Nelly, C McMenamon, M Sheridan, D Nestor (sub: A Finnerty), H Demostry

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MEATH: C Maran, M O'Reilly D Fay, M O'Connel, C Coyle. E McMenus, P Reynolds (sub: D Curtis), J McGuinnees (sub: J Devine), J McDermob, T Gales, T Dowd, G Gerraphy, E Kelly (sub: J Brady), B Reilly, B Callagham.
Referee: P McEnanny (Monteghan).

Roberts makes Albion rue their charitable defending

West Bromwich Albion .2 Wolverhampton W4

BY RICHARD HOBSON

WITH West Bromwich Albion 2-0 down, a supporter behind the goal recovered the stray ball and gave poor Paul Crichton a public lecture, jabbing finger and all, before throwing it back to the goal-keeper. Sometimes you do not need the experience of Alan Hansen to recognise rank bad

On three occasions, Iwan Roberts arrived unmarked at the far post to beat the unprotected Crichton while Steve Bull also profited from similar generosity. The fact that the home side dominated the final half-hour merely underlined their difficulties.

Wolves go third as a result this Nationwide League first division victory, their first at The Hawthorns since 1989. Perennially tipped as promotion challengers, they have given their manager. Mark McChee, the start they could not deliver to Graham Taylor

This was a great result and I take a lot of satisfaction from the way they passed and moved," McGhee said. "I was bution when he wasn't scoring goals and I knew it was only a matter of time before they came along. I didn't think it would be in threes, though."

Just four minutes had gone

when the Albion defence followed the gold shirts towards the near post as Steve Froggatt swung in a corner from the right flank, only for Roberts to head in unopposed beyond them all. Froggatt had a vital role in what was to follow, too. Eleven minutes later Roberts

Graham's return Berger blossoms

flicked on his long throw for Bull to turn and poke home.

In contrast to the charity they received. Wolves defended in a more frugal man-ner. Albion passed the ball around nicely but with too little purpose until Bob Taylor replaced Paul Peschisolido at half-time.

Before that, after 29 minutes, Roberts scored with a carbon-copy of his first effort and although Albion pulled one back two minutes before the interval through Ian Hamilton, Albion were still left, in the words of their manager

tain to dimb." Buckley said: "The problem

was that we were always too far behind to give ourselves a chance. People who do not understand what they are watching would look at the scoreline and think we were hattered, but it was not like that. In the first half Wolves had two good corners, a long throw, and that was it." What Buckley meant was

that some errors are more expensive than others. Wolves tended to make theirs in areas where they could recover possession quickly or, failing that, pull men behind the ball. When, after 54 minutes,

Richards intercepted a loose pass, the ball moved via Andy Thompson to Froggatt whose cross in turn found Roberts at the far post, unmarked, naturally, to complete his hat-trick. Taylor scored Albion's second after 67 minutes and from then on Wolves could not carve out a chance. But by then it hardly mattered.

MEST BYCANYCH ALBOM (4+2) P Cochion — P Hotmas, P Mardon (sub- K Donovan, 80min), D Burgess, S Nicholston — I Hamiton, P Groves, R Sneeker, D Smith (sub- D Gilbert, 46) — A Hunt, P Peschisolido (sub- R Taylor, 46) WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — D Richards, M Alfura, M Verus — J Smith, S Corica, S Osborn, A Thompson, S Froggett — S Buil, I Roberts

SQUASH

Unheralded Gough sinks Parke

SIMON PARKE'S return to action, after a brush with cancer earlier this year, ended in another defeat in Cairo knocked out of his slot as No 4 seed in the Gezira Open by Alex Gough, the Welsh No I, who had to fight through two tough qualifying matches to reach this first-round encounter (Colin McQuillan writes). "I have trained with Simon

in Nottingham for the past two months but this is the first time I've managed to defeat him," the Newport-based, world No 36 said after a 13-15, 15-7, 15-12, 8-15, 15-13 triumph

Parke lost two weeks ago in the first round of the Hong Kong Open to Derek Ryan, the lrish champion and, ominously, is drawn in the first round of the Qatar International next month against Martin Heath, of Scotland, who won the Singapore Open at the start of the new PSA World Cup Tour.

Another casualty yesterday was Stephen Meades, the Berkshire-based England international, who lost 12-15, 15-13, 15-10, 15-14 to Julian Weilings, a qualifier, from



Leeds United .

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By ROB HUGHES

GEORGE GRAHAM is back to suffer, or as he put it on Saturday, to delight in, the outrageous slings and arrows of football fortune. Moments after he rose from the dugout, his Leeds United team having taken the lead after 51 seconds of his tenure and then failed by the width of the crossbar to rescue a point in the dying seconds, he must have heard

POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

the cruel chants of the Coventry City crowd: "One greedy bastard, there's only one greedy bastard. Well, George Graham has been the only manager sacked from the game, and to boot, suspended from further employment for what amounted to 19 months, for receiving two unsolicited gifts, "bungs", from an agent amounting to £425,000. We all know it we

all had to accept the Football Association remit on justice when they declared the length of the suspension. Surely now we have to afford this manager the same civil freedom to come back from his misdemeanour, to atone for it in the way that society provides even for convicted criminals.

it hardly matters what we think, or whether the FA going to fulfil its promise to name other managers who took similar "gifts". Graham took his punishment and vowed to come back at the top, to win trophies as a form of self-fulfilment, a kind of

Leeds United, he acknowledged on Saturday, are a good distance away from a side he can lick into the kind of shape that won him acclaim at Arsenal. Even before he could show what four days of training, morning and afternoon, might do towards reshaping the commitment of the Leeds players, he awoke on Saturday morning to read a newspaper headline claiming that the Caspian Group that had taken over in the Leeds boardroom had paid him E100,000 to take no other job while it chose the moment to sack his good friend, Howard Wilkinson.

'I deny it emphatically, l had a laugh about it. It is complete and utter fabrication," Graham insisted. But sistent, Would he follow up his denial with action?

"What do you mean, try to George Graham, for all that

fairly clear that Manchester United

will have to play extremely badly not

to retain the Premiership title. They

have the ability, the depth and the

experience that comes from finishing

top — and that is where their

Really, if Nottingham Forest are one

of the better teams in England, and

recent history suggests that they are,

United do not have much to beat. Returning to Old Trafford, tails

between their legs, after observing

the master footballers of Juventus.

United ran in four goals for the

second successive Saturday like so

many batsmen feasting on county

bowling after having had their

The triumphalism at Old Trafford

- among the crowd, that is, not the

players, who saw at first hand last

week how far short of glory they fell

betokens ignorance, or immatu-

rity. Alex Ferguson is not crowing.

He brooded afterwards, partly

because Nadal, the defender whom

he covets, may not now be on his way

whiskers singed in Test cricket.

"In the kingdom of the blind . . . "

problems start.



Graham appears to find little pleasure in his new role as manager of Leeds as he watches his side slip to defeat at Coventry on Saturday

he came among us with the firmest of handshakes and the most direct of eye contact, is having to recast his image out of deep mistrust.

Surely, the interrogators persisted, he would take legal recourse to such a damaging accusation on day one of his second public coming in topline management?

Graham smiled and sought. metaphorically, to flick away the pestering as if it were a speck of dust on his elegant black jacket. "I'm trying to get away from lawyers in my life." he said, with a tone of finality. 'I am back where I want to be, and I'm enjoying every minute of the challenge, even the pressure of the job."

The job: can we please concentrate on the football. It was made easy for Leeds in that opening minute when Andy Gray foraged down the left, surfed a tackle from Borrows, and found Rush

with his back to goal. Rush. relishing playing in the space behind a willing front runner. Mark Hateley, used his experience. He laid the ball back to the edge of the area and Andy Couzens, a youngster brought into the team by Graham, deliberately shaped his right-

foot shot so that it curled off

the outside of his boot beyond

the groping Steve Ogrizovic.
For the whole of the first half, we could see the inklings of Graham's coaching - the effort, the camaraderie in terms of support play, the directness. Hateley, though in his mid-30s, was relishing the combat, relishing being an old-fashioned target man. He wore the blood on his yellow shirt, blood from a clash of heads with Borrows, like a war medal. He charged, he met the aerial ball time and time again. No wonder Leeds are trying to extend his loan

from Queens Park Rangers

Boy wonder struggling to find feet in man's game

Michael Henderson suggests that Manchester United will gain little from

domestic victories like the 4-1 drubbing of Nottingham Forest on Saturday

years ago, people imagined that they

saw a potentially great player in the making. He will never be a great

player now, that much is obvious, but

at the moment he does not even look

Last season, in the midst of some

Giggs-puffery. Ferguson said that he

had impressed upon him that "all the

great players have been able to pass

the ball," Well I never! All dancers

can pivot, all pianists can play a

dazzling arabesque, all actors can

remember lines; but that is only the

starting-point. The question is: what

based entirely on mastery of it, is so

central to the practice of being a

footballer that it should be as natural

as breathing. Giggs must have lived

learnt. on his coming of age, that

giving the ball to a team-mate was

very sheltered life indeed if he

The ability to pass a ball, in a game

a very good one.

while the likes of Brian Deane and Tony Yeboah recover from surgery.

But Coventry, already under scrutiny as possible relegation material, were to eke out their fourteenth victory from 62 games under the million pounds per month spending of Ron Atkinson.

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their manager. Big Ron believes in wingers, thank goodness. Paul Telfer surprised some of the Coventry unfaithful with his work on the right and would have equalised on the stroke of half-time had Nigel Martyn not produced a reflex save to turn his left-foot shot against a post.

But, scoring twice inside seven minutes early in the second half, Coventry prevailed. John Salako, quite the most eye-catching player on view, scored in the 57th minute by running with the ball from the halfway line, by anticipating and slipping the tackles at his ease and then beating Marryn with a low, angled shot. The goalkeeper thought he had his angles correct; the goalscorer had a better eye; the ball finished inch perfect inside the far post.

In the 64th minute, Borrows floated in a free kick. Dublin produced a deft back headerand Noel Whelan who, like McAllister, was sold by Leeds to Coventry, stole in to score with an imaginative short lob over Martyn.

in front of the dugouts, two high profile managers were back in the old routine. Atkinson performed like a tic-tac man, gesticulating here, there and everywhere. Graham stood stiffly by the dugout.

disinterested way, it seems plain that he cannot cross the ball well, cannot

tackle at all, and refuses to use his

right foot. How can a 22-year-old,

who is paid £1 million a year, not kick

the ball with his right foot? What

does he do during the week? Why

was this weakness not spotted ten

years ago? He plays on the wing, for goodness sake! What a glorious

All he has is an enormous natural

talent and, if that is not married to

intelligence, it will never be enough.

On Saturday, faced with a moderate

right back in Lyttle, he never once

reached the byline. He scored a

header that anybody could have

nodded in, played one decent pass to

Solskiaer, and that was about it. As

things stand, he is the master of the

He would do well to watch how

Cantona "paces his innings". Here.

trying to emulate his captain, Giggs

perfectly useless pirouette.

can't say how long it will take to impose my personality at Elland Road. It's demanding, but that's what I wanted," he

big club, but when I took over at Arsenal the team had three internationals in the back four and a young Tony Adams. Even then we worked for a year until I drilled into them the method that won us big

The drill sergeant, if the media is willing, wishes to concentrate on the work ethic of the training fields.

COVENTRY CITY (4-1-2): S Ogrsowic — B Borrowe, R Shaw, D Burrows, M Hait — P Teller, K Richardson, G McAllater, J Selako - D Dublin, N Whe

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Poborsky to make the second,

Cantona's tricks have led to goals

Skilful as he is, Giggs has a brain full

Beckham's brain is sharper and

his striking of the hall cleaner. Much

has been made of this young man

and, now that he occupies the central

position of midfield, he can begin to

fulfil his vast potential. He runs with

the ball unusually well for an English

player and, while his passing is not in

the class of a Hoddle or Brady, it is

next week, after his recovery from

injury and the calf injury that forced

Butt from the field on Saturday, You

cannot play Butt and Keane in the same midfield, their jobs are too

similar. A conjunction of Beckham

and Keane, buttressed to Cantona.

makes United a powerful proposi-

tion, with or without Giggs. One day,

who knows, they might terrify

Europe.

Keane will be back to partner him

good enough to be going on with.

dressed in the finest taste, the hand cupping the chin, deep in thought about what he knows will be quite a task. "I

"Leeds, like Arsenal, are a

a result which did not embarrass them.

tactically aware. They are far

We were criteised for our performance in Finland, but when you get a side so determined just to keep the score down, it is very hard to take them apart. A well-drilled Sunday pub team would be hard to really hammer if they took that approach.

The point is that the European sides have caught us up. not that we have fallen behind. I used to watch Everton as a kid. and I can remember standing on the terraces watching the semi-final of the Cup Winners' Cup against Bayern Munich in 1985. Everton blew them away with the power and passion of their play. But now the continental sides have matched us, they are our equal on the physical side. They had five years while we were banned to come to terms with it, and

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schamichal — G Reville, R Johnson, G Pallister, D Itwin — K Poborsky, N But (sub B McCleir, Admin), D Bochham, R Glogs — E Carrona, O Solsk-par (sub: A Cole, 76) they have. NOTTINGHAM POREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lydic, C Cooper, S Chottle, S Pearce — D Philips, A I Hasland, C Bart Williams; I Wasar Fallo C Allon, 751 — D Saunders (sub: B Roy, 78): J Len

Emerson exposes Everton frailties

Critics much too quick to condemn

it would be depressing. OK. the English clubs experienced some mixed results in Europe last week, but it was hardly the disaster the criticism implied. Players come to expect - and tend to ignore - knee-jerk reaction to results, but even by the usual standards there was a lot of rubbish talked.

Let's put it into perspective. Manchester United, for instance, go to the home of the champions of Europe, who have some brilliant new players all desperate to show their worth, and lose I-O. It's true that United didn't play particularly well, but apart from a spell in the first half, they didn't let the Italians play too well, either.

And yet United were supposed to have let the nation down: English football is now the worst in Europe, even though three months ago, after a successful European championship, we were hailed as world-beaters. This sort of emphatic. black and white "analysis" illustrates why footballers tend to ignore most of the criticism.

One round of European games is not the time to analyse England's position in the European scheme of things. Let's look at a different scenario. United best Juventus at Old Trafford, and I can response from the same people who have written them off will be to hail them as champions. English football will be "back".

Both situations are extremes, and the reality lies

somewhere in between. Football in this country is nowhere near as bad as is being portrayed, but at the same time, we are certainly not near the level of dominance in Europe we enjoyed before

Against MyPa-47. Liverpool came up against cynical approach all-round. They were organised, athletic physical, and they showed little, if any, desire to come out and play. It was as if their only ambition was to get

I believe this illustrates perfectly one of the chief reasons why we are not as successful now in European competition as we were in the 70s and 80s. Ten or 15 years ago. Liverpool would have beaten teams from Finland by double figures. Now they are organised, disciplined, fit and

I do not believe that we are behind them in technique, although I do accept that so many years out of European competition is still having an McMANAMAN



rounds on the Eurosceptics

effect in terms of experience. We have whole sides now without any real experience of European football, and it will take time to relearn all that. What I do believe is that the

foreign sides are more disciolined, more patient. In Engand it is hard to play a patient build-up because the fans don't want to see that sort of thing. But in the away legs of European ties, you have to do it. Naturally, when it is alien to the way you normally play, it is much harder to achieve.

If there is a lesson to be learnt, then It is that English clubs have to reappraise their. approach, in away legs especially. We have to be more disciplined and patient, not just gung-ho, because that no

I am excited to be involved in European competition. The

tradition at Anfield is immensely strong, and I enjoy They have different styles of caught up, play. Much has been said about we have me one day playing in Italy, and not fallen behind' mind isn't closed to the idea.

l am a Liverpool I'm Liverpool through and through. I'd never ask to leave, but if the time came when they wanted to sell me, then I think I would accept the challenge of going abroad. I went on holiday to Sardinia with Paul Ince, and I admire what he has achieved. He could have come home after a year, but he has

bravely stuck it out. It can be extremely difficult being immersed in a different culture, but the benefits are strong, as Ince has proved. It's not the money — there is more on offer now in England than anywhere - but the opportunity to test yourself against some of the world's best players, and best tacticians, is an alluring one.

Most English players se to have failed out there, but I think you need to get totally involved, and be prepared to give yourself time. It takes about a year to be comfortable with the language and culture. Even Platini took a year to settle, but after that he made a sensational impact. I think Ince is about to do the

Italy has the strongest league in terms of the breadth of telent, and the amazing tactical variety among the different clubs, but the European championship showed to everyone that England has the football talent, players with technique equal to those of any other country in Europe, it did not lie.

We will go on from Euro 96 and do well in the various competitions, especially with the three-foreigners' rule now dropped. We will see if I'm right next spring, not after one round of matches.

the skill that underpinned all others. Ferguson is a football man through football played on these shores. from Barcelona: more likely because attempted a back heel purely for Giggs, in the prime of his life, is effect, and gave the ball away. Great this common-or-garden victory tells and through. Had he temporarily taken leave of his senses? players do things for a purpose. In successive weeks, at Leeds and again him absolutely nothing about his treading water, if not actually regressing. When he emerged, four Looking at Giggs in a properly

There was some silly talk after the

match in Turin last Wednesday that

United pursued the wrong tactics, as

if a different configuration could

have made them pass the ball more

accurately, or got their brains tick-

ing. Rot, all of it. They were not good

enough, or clever enough. Teams

schooled in the "toughest league in

the world" rarely are when they are

Cantona, who shrinks on the

European stage, was imperious on

Saturday, contributing to the first

two goals and scoring the third with a

raking 20-yard shot. Together with

Beckham, who had another fine

match, he ran rines round a dim-

witted Forest side that has, sad to say,

become terribly dull. United will go

on winning like this all season, and it

that they have to address, a problem

that reveals an awful lot about the

There is a very serious problem

will profit them not a jot.

confronted by superior craftsmen.

West Ham United 0 Wimbledon ...

By KEITH PIKE

INFLATED transfer fees, fancy formations and the influx of foreign players continue to cut no ice with Wimbledon, where pies and pints still keep pasta and mineral water off the menu. Homeless and seemingly friendless, for ten seasons their brand of football always wholehearted, on occasions unwholesome — has survived against the odds. And

still they refuse to go away. At Upton Park on Saturday. a team written off with the season a few days old recorded a third successive victory to leave some of the wealthiest clubs in the land peering enviously from below in the FA Carling Premiership, while a goalkeeper cast as every forward's fall-guy celeclean sheet. To discover the secret of Wimbledon's success, there may be no need to look further than Neil Sullivan.

Beaten from the halfway line by David Beckham on the first afternoon of the campaign, and then from around 40 yards by David Batty four days later. Sullivan's own early-season diet had consisted of chips, derision, and more chips. A player who, having been with the club since the age of 11, had struggled to make his mark, who had suffered two broken legs. might have been excused for giving up. He, and Wimbledon, and

made of sterner stuff. "It [the goal by Beckham] was on the news and in the papers every day." Sullivan said. "I had to get over it and get on with the next game. If you worried about every mistake you made you would be a

nervous wreck. "Of course the boys gave me some stick, but they helped me

Sullivan repairing fall-guy image tremendously. Letting in goals is not funny, but they got me over it. It's part of the camaraderie within the camp.

"After three games with no goals and no points, everyone was saving we would struggle this year, but it was only a matter of time before we turned things round. That is what the club is all about."

Sullivan, who had the offending goal by Beckham on video, has since taped over it with an episode of East-Enders, and there was no way that his restoration was ever going to be threatened by West Ham's collection of Cockneys and continentals. They offered a minimal threat in attack and were slovenly in defence. where mistakes by Breacker and Dicks allowed Clarke and Ekoku to plunder the decisive

second half goals. *Our defenders must learn to defend and our forwards must start scoring." Harry Redknapp, the West Ham

manager, said. People have got to start doing what they are paid to do." Paid very well. too. Slaven Bilic is thought likely to sign an improved contract this week guaranteeing him around £6,000 a week, and there are others whose wages dwarf those of their Wimbledon rivals. Yet there was only one team

prepared to die for the cause. "It is not all about money," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. "We really feel we have got a future to play in the Premier League, irrespective of what everyone says. You don't always have to spend (20-30 million to stay in there -- we have proved that

Over the years."
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Soodman (sub, A Carlier, 88),
Retender R Dillips

Middlesbrough2 By PLTER BALL

IN THE first-week euphoria of the win over Newcastle United and draw at Old Trafford, Joe Royle, the Everton manager, was scathing about the bookmakers' odds of 25-1 against Everton winning the championship. Those odds looked about right as Middlesbrough, with Em-

erson outstanding, exposed Everton's limitations. Royle did not quite see it that way, believing his side's domination in an appalling first half and their chances after the interval deserved some reward. He found support from David O'Leary on Match of the Day - but that

was significant too. Royle is sensitive to comparisons between Everton and Wimbledon: perhaps he will

be better pleased, although he should not be, to be compared to George Graham's Arsenal in O'Leary's days - all bark and bite in midfield, hitting

main anacking weapon. On Saturday, even their goal came from a big centre-half staying up after a freekick, although otherwise the comparison falls down when it

the rangy front man early, and

relying on the dead ball as the

gets to the defence. Short's goal was a fair return for Éverton's pressure. Until the interval, Middlesbrough could not get into the game, only Emerson's competitiveness stopping Ebbrell and Parkinson stomping all over midfield as Juninho and Barmby looked as if they would rather be anywhere but

Goodison. After toying with culture in the form of the lightweight Tony Grant, and after two defeats. Royle had reverted to his competitors in midfield, with Speed tucking in as well. They are awful to play against - three terriers hunting in a

One instant summed it up as Parkinson snapped at Juninho's heels for 15 yards, finally conceding a free-kick. It was knocked forward quickly and Parkinson raced the ten yards to bundle over Barmby.

Middlesbrough improved in the second half, but even then Everton could have made the game safe as a good move released Hinchcliffe. His shot went wide, though, and the visitors began to put some serious movements logether using width to effect at a time when Everton pushed Hinch-

When we pass we play better - no long balls." Juninho said. But it was a long ball that brought them back into the game. Whyte's lob forward caught the back four asleep at their posts and Barmby's diagonal run left

cliffe firmly into midfield.

him free to lob the advancing Southall.

Still Everton's aerial pressure exposed gaps in the opposing defence. Ferguson met Kanchelskis's cross for a point-blank header - only for Miller to make a brilliant

reflex save. It was a costly miss. The scalpel proved more effective than the broadsword as Middlesbrough claimed the winner. There appeared little danger as Barmby collected Cox's pass inside the penalty area, moving towards the touchline. A back-heel changed an innocuous position into one of mortal danger for Everton. Juninho arriving to beat Southall with a shot of

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FOOTBALL

Liverpool savour quality of Berger

Leicester City0 Liverpool3

BY DAVID MADDOCK

CRITICS had begun to wonder idly before this game about a Liverpool forward line strangely lacking the appetite of last season. Where is the beef? They need not have bothered, because it was there all right against Leicester City, served up in the form of a

Berger.
Patrik Berger, to be precise.
The Czech Republic international helped his new club to the top of the FA Carling Premiership with a wonderful display of football's finer arts. Berger was only introduced as a half-time substitute, but he required no more than 45 minutes to destroy the home team with two excellent goals.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, believes his £3.6 million midsummer signing from Borussia Dortmund will ultimately find his calling as an attacking midfield player. Here, he provided the move-ment and touch in the front line that has been missing so far this season.

Patrik made a real impact and he has now given me a real headache after just a half because he is pushing so hard

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to start," he said. "I brought change. I wanted someone coming from deeper and he did everything I asked of

Between them, Collymore and Fowler scored 55 goals last season. You would not have guessed it in a first half of which Evans admitted he had herome bored with the way his side had wasted so much possession. The lines of comdown, as ripped to pieces, and . even the untutored eye can spot a suggestion of a problem

Liverpool passed the ball around well enough in the first half, with a swagger even, after overcoming the distress of almost conceding a goal within 35 seconds of the kickoff. The penetration was lacking to such an extent, though. that Leicester had looked the better, more direct, team.

It was only the second appearance Berger had made for the first team, the first coming also as a second halfsubstitute last week, but he looked as though he had been there half his life, such was his instant rapport with McManaman, in particular, and Fowler.

With his flowing locks and elegant balance, Berger has the look of a thoroughbred. His second goal bore the hallmark of a player with a genuine athletic talent. His of George Best, a haunting quality to his running as he hosted past startled de-

It was a fine goal, delivered after 77 minutes to give the scoreline an emphatic look that Liverpool's second-half performance deserved. An intelligent back-heel Fowler sent Berger gliding over the turf and he waltzed around the challenge of three defenders before drilling the ball into the corner of the net with a ferocious left-foot drive,

By then Leicester were dead and buried, undone by a succession of mistakes that will have to be eradicated quickly if they are to maintain a hold on their precious Premiership status. Two errors cost goals and a third was equally telling. Heskey finding James from point-blank range when the Liverpool goalkeeper's net was a far easier target. That came in the first minute and even then one sensed that the home side would be forced to pay for

such profligacy. Liverpool always appeared the more menacing and, when Berger arrived to give them more of an edge, they assumed control of the game. The Czech immediately had one shot blocked, but when a second chance came along in the 58th minute, he, unlike the Leicester defence, made no

Watts rashly tried to dribble the ball from defence but was robbed by Berger, who gave the ball to McManaman, made an angle for the return on the left of the penalty box and dispatched his left-foot shot into the near corner with

Three minutes later and another mistake cost another goal. Fowler dummied a Bjornebye cross from the left to allow Thomas a shooting opportunity. The 25-yard drive was crisp enough, but Keller to allow the ball to squirm under his body.

To Leicester it was a painful lesson. "What hurts most is that they weren't brilliant goals, but gifts from us," Martin O'Neill, the manager, said. "We gave goals away and with Liverpool as a yardstick we have a long way to

For Liverpool, immmediate future is brighter. They are top and in Berger have found a forward with the movement to give licence to their intelligent passing play. Collymore may be the one to stand down, with Evans hinting that he has tired of waiting for he and Fowler to recapture their understanding of last season

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J Barnes, S McMaramen, S I Bjornebye —
R Fowler, S Collymore (sub: P Berger, 48).



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Bjornebye, left, the Liverpool defender, steps in to challenge Izzet during the defeat of Leicester yesterday

Blackburn waiting for luck to turn in period of readjustment

Newcastle United . Blackburn Rovers 1

BY ERIAN GLANVILLE

BLACKBURN, now at the bottom, better away than at home, lost at St James' Park on Saturday but were unfortunate that a doubtful penalty should turn the tide against them. One. moreover, which came at the delicate moment just before half-time.

Kevin Keegan, admitted, Blackburn controlled the game in its earlier stages and, if they had not deserved to win, they at least gave his team a hard run for their

It was doubly sad that the penalty should have been given against that indomitable blond Scot, Colin Hendry, a

hero until that moment. .Harford said the penalty had his team "going in at half-time with their heads down, rather than up. I spoke to the referee, who I think is an excellent referee. I thought he was a bit quick with it. If there was an element of doubt, it should have gone our way. and there was a good element of doubt. The ball hit the arm rather than the arm hit the

Unsurprisingly, both Kee gan and Alan Shearer, the former Blackburn centre forward who put away the penalty, were of the other opinion.

Though Keegan said it was a ball which Howey handled, the kind of penalty you do not like to give away or, evenwhen you get it, makes you feel sympathy for the other side, he insisted that "ball to hand, must be a penalty." So did Shearer. This put an

laws, which clearly state that there must be intent. Mistakenly, Keegan be-lieved Newcastle should have had another penalty when Flowers, sweeping the ball him down when he had done so, following an untypical blunder by Hendry.

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Blackburn, for their part, "still seething at half-time," as Harford said, claimed a penal-ty themselves, early in the second half. Gallacher danced away from the uncertain Watson down the left to put across



Sutton: reason for hope

on the ground. Deliberately? Who knows? In any case, he got away with it. The decisive second

Newcastle goal came after 16 minutes in the second half and, to Harford's disgust, it came from a corner after a dynamic movement in which Ginola, Batty and Beardsley set up Lee, whose rocketing drive was turned aside by Flowers. Shearer headed the corner back across goal and

Shearer was always a threat. After only six minutes, he forced Flowers to dive to his thundering free kick. Ten minutes later, receiving from the ever lively Beardsley, he hit a sharp angled shot from the right, which gave Flowers further trouble. By contrast, Blackburn's

goal, some eight minutes from the end, was slightly soft. Fenton, a vigorous substitute, booed whenever he was on the ball by a crowd that clearly cannot forgive the way he sunk their team last season, raced through from the left and found Chris Sutton. whose unexceptional shot rather surprisingly beat Smicek. Sutton's displays, since his return from long convalescence, have, however, given Harford hope.

Keegan admitted Newcastle had not played well, and had not "passed it well". Their midweek game in the Uefa Cup against Halmstads, though they had won 4-0, had taken more out of them than may have been apparent. Indeed, he said, if they had not got Ferdinand and Shearer up front against Blackburn, they

might well have lost. Harford explained that the challenge Blackburn face this season is to carry on after losing the most expensive forward in the country." Or anywhere else, for that matter. A week ago, Harford was watching Udinese play

sumed he was interested in Oliver Bierhoff, the big centre forward who came on as substitute in the Euro 96 final to score Germany's two goals. Harford said, gnomically, that he was simply watching Udinese. We can assume Bierhoff is in his sights.

A very late developer, Bierhoff was expected to go to Juventus in the summer, but did not, and Blackburn can easily afford him, even without another infusion of Jack Walker's money.

Meanwhile, Kevin Keegan threw Blackburn a crumb of comfort. "I see," he said, "a team that isn't having the rub of the green."

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2) P Smicels.

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Frustrated Souness refuses to sound alarm bells

Southampton Tottenham Hotspur...... 1

THIS fixture has produced some thrillers in recent years. but, as the scoreline suggests. the game on Saturday was not one of them. A repeat of the goalless draw of last season seemedcertain until Arm-strong scored from a penalty,

after his own cross from the

right was needlessly handled

by Neilson.

Another frustrating afternoon," Graeme Souness, the Southampton manager, said. lose. It was a crazy goal: two weeks on the trot, we've shot ourselves in the foot. I hope that, over the next seven months, the luck evens itself

Tottenham had the consolation of a victory, "I'm happy with the three points," Gerry Francis, their manager, said. "Last week we played well and got nothing, but sometimes you need to grind out a few points." In mitigation, Spurs could point to the absence of the injured Sheringham for their headless cockerel performance; but they expect to have him back soon, as well as adding to their squad.

New signings are more vital for Southampton, whose shortage of goals has cost them dear. The remedy, according to Souness, has meant extensive scouting trips abroad. "My wife hopes I sign someone; I've been like a travelling salesman over the last few weeks," he said. "I knew it was going to be a hard job, but I'm not worried. I can honestly say that we could easily have been in a situation where we hadn't lost a game yet. If we can retain that attitude and if, sooner rather than later, we can get the right players in, we will not be involved in the relegation

dogfight."

The only noteworthy incident of the first half came when Paul Alcock, the referee, teased The Dell crowd by running ominously towards Southampton's penalty spot before pointing upfield to indicate a free kick in their avour. It was not until the final stages of the match that Shipperley had any meaning-ful support in the Southampton attack; too often his nominal partner, you-knowwho, had had to go in search of the ball, leaving him isolated up front. Le Tissier, himself, looked

like a man with a severe migraine, so often did he hold his head in his hands after another pass, run or shot had come to nothing. However, he tried everything he knew before his frustrations boiled over and he appeared to stamp on Edinburgh, earning a

yellow card. Plus points for Souness? The amount of effort: I can't ask for more in that department." Plus points for paying spectators? Precious few.

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Referee: P Alcook.

Sharpe disenchanted with

Asanovic plots way through the chaos of Sunderland

Derby County ...

Sunderland ...

PHILOSPHER that he is, Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, is a subscriber to the powder in his team's boots

market on a football pitch. The consequence, inevita-bly, is a game choked of flair, thought, ingenuity and expression. Reid's plan almost succeeded at the Baseball Ground but was finally thwarted by an aristocrat, in the shape of Aljosa Asanovic, of Derby County.

and asks them to recreate the

anarchy of a Moroccan street

The Croat, signed in the close season, brought order to the chaos. He repeatedly saw through the smog of Sunderland's defensive wall and retreated to the halfway line from where he could find space to pass the ball. Asanovic created the game's only goal six minutes before the end and it was an appropriate testimony to a cool,

thoughtful brain. He shuffled towards the Sunderland goal, rightly guessing that an imprudent leg would soon halt his progress. Sure enough, and with almost comic timing, Gareth Hall offered his boot and Asanonic tumbled to the byline. The penalty, and moral justice, was dispatched efficiently, Asanovic handling the duties himself.

Before the goal, there had been incidents aplenty, but most had only tenuous links to football. Amid the confusion, accidents or otherwise were inevitable, and David Elleray, the referee, had a job to discern intent from mishap. By the finish, he had booked eight players.

Elleray had no qualms about his decision to send off Richard Ord, the Sunderland defender, for dissent after he had been booked earlier for a petulant tackle. Kevin Ball, Ord's colleague, grumbled that the dismissal had been unfair. "It is a man's game," he said. "And at the end of the day you should be able to have your say out there. I heard worse in front of my missus." A scrappy game degenerated still further. Sometimes up

to three Sunderland players would ambush an opponent before a pass had even arrived. Derby were disconcerted and, Asanovic aside, were barren of ideas to shake off the terriers at their heels. In the congestion, chances

were at a premium and shots had to be launched from outside the penalty area. Asanovic hit the crossbar while Coton saved magnificently from Gabbiadini and also at the feet of Dailly. Afterwards Reid, much like

his team, gave barely an inch. Was it a penalty? "The referee gave it, didn't he?"

DERBY COUNTY (4-3-1-2): R Hout — J Laursen, G Rowett, I Stimac, M Carbon (sub: A Ward, 68mm) — R van der Lean (sub: P Smpson, 80). D Powell, C Powell — A Asanowc — M Gabbiacini, C Dalily SUNDERLAND (4-4-1): T Coton — G Hall, A Mexille, R Ord, M Scott — S Agnew, P Bracawall (sub: L Howey, 74), K Ball, M Gray — P Stewarl (sub: A Ras., 45) — N Quan (sub: M Bridges, 74). Referes: D Elleray.

Power of recall needed to savour brighter days

Crystal Palace3 Manchester City1

BY OLIVER HOLT

HIS moustache is still the same, his arms seem just as long, his legs just as spindly as they were in the days Manchester City fans called him "Spider" and watched him score one of the greatest goals in the club's history. When Paul Power went to collect his press ticket for

City's game against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park on Saturday, though, the receptionist looked at him blankly. Power was always something of a mock-heroic figure at Maine Road, a pale imitation of a legend, but the smattering of away fans in the temporary offices behind the

grandstand hushed as he argued over his ticket. The curling free-kick he scored against Ipswich Town to take his team to the FA Cup Final in 1981 should still count for something, perhaps, but City not get any free gifts these

They cannot even get a manager. George Graham turned them down, Howard Kendall was refused permission to speak to them and Dave Bassett, their latest

flame and the manager of is hardly outstanding but was their opponents on Saturday, has constantly denied any contact with Francis Lee, the City chairman. "Can't you link with me Cindy Ctawford," he said. "She's probably got more

"There has been no official approach but there is very little I can do to stop the rumours. I had to tell my players to ignore it all and focus on the game and not to read the papers. I never had that problem with the other clubs I managed, Wimbledon and Sheffield United, because they couldn't read.

I can't say what I would do. if City did get in touch. If Cindy Crawford rang me to ask me out, I would have to deal with it at the time. Why should I talk about turning something down that I have. not been offered. You might as well say I've turned down Newcastle and Man United in that case. Oh and by the way, I've just put in a bid for

Bassett, though, is the kind of irrepressible character City need to lift flagging fortunes that sagged even further with the sending off of their captain, Symons, for a professional foul. They were listless and devoid of inspiration on Saturday against a Palace team that made to look very good.

Kinkladze could only rouse

himself on a couple of occasions, the last being the through-ball that presented Kavelashvila with a consolation goal. By then, though, two goals from Hopkin, one a curling right-foot shot that lodged in the top corner of Dibble's goal and an apology of a strike from Andersen, had consigned City to the the bottom half of the table.

It left Asa Hartford, the caretaker manager whose players want him to get the job permanently, admitting it was the worst performance in his four games in charge. One of the City fanzines, Bert Trautmann's Helmet, titled its editorial Desolation Row, and included one pithy comment on relegation last season.

"All those people who claimed we were too good to go down have been proved wrong," it said. "It is a fact of footballing life that no team with Alan Ball at the helm is WITH AIRTH BALL AT THE REITH IS

EVER TOO GOOD TO GO COWN."

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Thrifty Fry has to forgo the posh life

Peterborough United 2 York City

BY PAT GIBSON

TALK about poachers turned gamekeepers. Barry Fry, who has bought and sold more footballers than most of the aforementioned have had rabbit pie dinners, is having to change his ways now that he is playing with his own

Fry, having fielded all eight of the players that he signed during the summer at London Road on Saturday, probably felt like jettisoning at least half a dozen of them and popping out to the cash and carry to buy another job-lot after his Nationwide League second division side had again surrendered a hard-

Fry, though, is the owner of Peterborough United as well as the manager, and having to learn about cash-flows, bank charges and all those other little items that can put clubs like his on the road to ruin. He is learning fast. "I have been very critical of chairmen and boards of directors in the past," he said, "and I can only apologise and sympathise with them now that I've got the same problems myself.

"I realise that I have got to

is bigger than any individual and I cannot go out and spend, spend, spend. The club has got to be run proper ly and I have got to cut my cloth accordingly."

It is no easy task for a manager who is not known for his patience. Now, how-ever, he talks enthusiastically about his schools of excellence for boys from nine to 15, the four under-18 internationals in the youth team and the work that will have to be done to repair a suspect defence. Peterborough looked good

enough going forward. Rowe, signed on a free transfer from Chelsea, put them ahead with a clever overhead kick in the 55th minute and Payne, picked up from Watford, restored their lead in the 75th minute after Charlery had headed down a cross supplied by McKeever, 16, with his first touch in League football.

In between times, however, leaden-footed defence allowed Bushell to equalise and then Pepper to levelled again five minutes from time. agam Tive minities from time. PETERBOROUGH UNITED (4-4-2): J Shaffield — A Boothroyd, G Heald, M Boothry, S Welsh — R Willis (sub. C Gariffshs, 73nm), M O'Connar (sub: M Boothon, 73), D Payne, S Houghton (sub: M McKeever, 73) — Z Rowe, K Charlery, YORK CTY (4-4-2); A Werpington — A Mo-Milan, J Sharples, T Barras, G Hirmworth — G Murty, S Bushell, N Peppor, P Stephenson (sub: D Williams, 73) — G Bull, N Totion

Referee: M Bailey

his life in the slow lane Swansea City

Fulham

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

SIR JOHN HALL, Mr Newcastle United, continues his pursuit of sporting domination on a global scale: David Dein, the Arsenal power broker, knows what he is doing at Highbury, even if nobody else does; and Alan Sugar, at Tottenham Hotspur, wants to put a cap, belatedly. on players' spiralling wages. Big men, big ideas, big bucks.

Doug Sharpe, chairman of Swansea City, of the Nationwide League third division, has had enough. He wants out. After 172 years of boardroom involvement at the Vetch Field, plus countless seasons on the terraces, his enthusiasm has finally waned. The love affair is over.

"My heart is still in the club, I can't just walk away after all this time, but I've done enough," he said. "You can stay in one place too long and I no longer have that drive, that spark. It has gone from me. "I've been through heli trying to keep the club going all these years and I will not

continue, financially, to sup-

port it any more. I've also got

my health and my business to

consider. I don't want the club to die but I don't want Doug Sharpe to die_either.* Such is life in the nether

regions of football's professional pyramid, where the Nationwide small fry have long since been cast aside by the FA Carling Premiership elite. Even Sharpe, 57, a wealthy South Wales builder, has been forced to give up the unequal fight, his passion, energy and finances spent At the Vetch on Saturday,

Swansea took on Fulham, the third division leaders. They started well, going ahead through Thomas, but faded, losing to second-half goals from Conroy, his eighth of the season, and Morgan.
The club is up for sale, with

offers opening in the region of £750,000. It has no overdraft because of the reluctant, yet necessarily serial, disposal of its prime assets — Chris Coleman, Des Lyttle, Andy Melville et al - and Sharpe is prepared to write off sizeable chunks of the £1.4 million he has made in personal loans.

"If the new man needs a bit of help, I'll help," Sharpe said, "but I've been pumping in money left, right and centre and I've gone as far as I can go." Harsh economics dictate a frugal existence at the Vetch. Costs run at up to £70,000 a month - Jan Molby, the player-manager, reportedly earns £3,000 a week — and the club's two home matches last week raised about £23,000.

"Where's the rest come from?" Sharpe said. "Your pocket?" he was asked. "You can work it out for yourself, he replied. "Unless you have a winning team, and you are getting good crowds through the gate, there's no way you can survive."

Thus it hert when Molby. the former Denmark and Liverpool midfield player, who arrived in February, recently criticised Sharpe. Molby recalled Sharpe's persuasive early talk of ambition. optimism and team strengthening, contrasting it with his now imminent departure.
"I was disappointed, it was

diabolical," Sharpe said, "but Jan has apologised and that's it." Molby said: "We've had a chat, I just wanted to know what was going on. The picture is not that much clearer but we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

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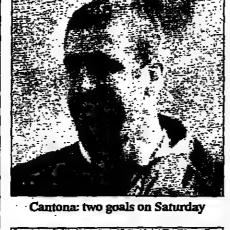
taker manager and Tony Adams' revelation of drink problems, seek a third win of the season under the guidance, for the time being at least, of Pat Rice. The stand-in manager may include Patrick Vieira, the French midfielder, whose E3.25 million signing from AC Milan was initiated by manager-elect Arséne Wenger. Sheffield Wednesday, who have not won at Highbury in 26 League and Cup games since 1962, will have Welsh international midfield-

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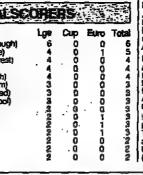
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SATURDAY September 14 was not a particularly bad day as far as sendings-offs were concerned live in England and seven in Scotland. What was significant was that four dismissals took place in one match and affected one team atone. Heart of Michelfithan (Pasquale Bruno in the 46th minute, David Weir 60th, Neil Pointon 63rd, Paul Ritchie 67th). One more red card for the Hearts' side and the match would have had to have been abandoned. This was only the third time since modern records began that four players from one team had been sent off in British football; it was also only the eighth time four players have been dismissed in the same league match and the 11th time in all British team competition Hearts did well only to lose 3-0 to Rangers; the other Scotlish club to lose four men, Strannar, lost 8-1 to Archie, the only English club to be reduced to seven men, Hereford United, went one better by scraping a 1-1 draw with Norstampton Town. Four players sent off from one team September 6, 1982: Herotord Utal (at Northampton Town) December 3, 1994: Stramaer (at Audre) September 14, 1996: Heart of Midlothian (at Rangers)

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SENDINGS OFF



Patrick Colleter, of Bordeaux, is brought down during the French League m Lille, Bordeaux won the match 3-0 to lead the table. Photograph: Regis D

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	PRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 3 Lille 0; Caen 0 Remiss 0; Guingamp 1 Lens 0; Marsaid 1 Mose 0; Moraco 0 Lyon 0; Mortpeller 2 Le Havre 1, Nancy 0 Auseme 0, Names 0 Matz 1, Strasbourg 1 Bestis 3
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Rob Hughes selects George Weah's solo effort for Milan as the finest he has witnessed A goal fit to set before the football gods

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is an island, no ever alone, particularly not the goalscorer, who needs to be set up with his opportunities. September 8, 1996, the first day of the new Italian Serie A season, contradicted those lifelong maxims.

In the 87th minute of the match between AC Milan and Verona, George Oppong Weah transcended any solo goal in the imagination. He defended a Verona corner, he ran 85 metres, he outpaced, gentlemen of Verona, and within 14 seconds, 30 strides and 14 touches of the ball, he

"It was a goal for Italy, for Africa, for Milan," Weah said, somewhat imperiously, in the calm of the San Siro dressing-

This athlete - and the goal demonstrated athleticism to the full -- came out of Liberia to northern Italy, via the South of France, to demonstrate the continuing thrill to the world of the relatively uncoached African player, the skills of men not yet suppressed either by coaching or by the limitations we place on what can and what cannot be done with a football, with the feet, with

the fantasy within the mind. The Italian media, and their galaxy of former players who revere goals above everything else, can remember only two individual goals even remotely on a par: the second goal of England's World Cup game against Argentina in Mexico City in 1986, scored, of course, by Maradona, and — beyond my recollection, but fresh to Italians — a goal by "Gigi" Riva against East Germany in Nables in 1969.

"Almost" is the relevant word, for among those paying tributes throughout the past week was Riva himself. "I have seen nothing to surpass that," he said. "What Weah did over 85 metres, his strength and the cleanness with which he shot, cannot be

So, let us analyse those 14 seconds. The first touch came with Milan defending a precarious 2-1 lead. Verona had shown resilient courage, had forced Milan back for a corner



Weah acclaims his goal against Verona, scored after running almost the length of the field. Photograph: Carlo Fumagalli

deep into the time when cramp and fatigue were setting in. From that corner, overhit beyand the far post. Wesh cushioned the ball with the outside of his right foot. He was level with his own penalty spot and, in the same moment that he made contact with the ball, he gan his long, powerful, unribited strides.

The yellow shirts in pursuit seemed to drop off him like beads of sweat. In our diagram, look particularly at the Verona No 2, the right back, Caverzan. He doggedly pursues Weah the entire 85 metres, except that he never gets within a yard of his target When Weah, the ball hyp-

notically under his influence, Caverzan is the third of a trio of opponents who make their challenge. Fattori gets in the tackle, Bacci is less than a foot away at Weah's back. The big African treats them almost with disdain. He turns 180 degrees, touching the ball three times. They are defit touches, mere dabs of control, as his balance and body movement extricates him from the trio, and he once again

From the halfway line to the

opponents' penalty area involves just five more touches, all with the right foot. Among those alerted and trying to get on terms with his speed are Manetti, who should have been fresh enough, having come on only minutes before as a replacement for a colleague for whom the sapping endeavour of the first game of the season had proved utterly

Those who watched the match know that Weah had

precision, and with the instep of his right boot, he dispatched the ball where, all along, something inside him seemed to indicate that it would nestle: inside the far post. During the week that fol lowed, Italy simply marvelled. Here was a country in dispute

The goal did not involve a pass; no one was on his wavelength'

but if all you saw in isolation was this long sprint, you would not credit that.

One more defender dared to impose himself, or try to, on Weah's path. Corini, stood nlum in front of the Liberian. Weah flicked the ball tantalisingly close to the right of Corini, and slipped his own body to the left. Corini looked bemused and, anyway, Weah

Now, two strides inside the penalty area, he allowed Gregori, the goalkeeper, to commit the man of the hour. They wondered how he could move so intricately and so fast.

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The answer came from Arsene Wenger, the would-be Arsenal coach, who, from his home in Japan, explained that when he coached the young Weah at AS Monaco, he could complete 100 metres in 11.5sec. He was challenged, even at that pace, by Polana, from the Ivory Coast, and Klinsmann,

from Germany. Speak to Weah, and he talks to you of God. He has charged Muslim to Christian, but he believes the talent that brought him out of the civil war in the distressing homeland of his origin, can only

When considering his goal. when attempting to compare with others through the history of the game, it has to be observed that, for all the strength, single-mindedness sweetness of his movement, Weah's goal actually defied the collective essence of

Weah not only took out three-quarters of the opposition, but he also effectively ignored the entire complement . He used no othe part of his anatomy to control or guide the ball other than his feet and he did not finish with an arrogant flourish; indeed, with no more panache than was necessary.

So, the greatest goal? How do we compare when goals might be as individualistic as fingerprints? Gerd Muller, small and squat and nothing like Weah in build, used to say that goalscorers do not think goals. Something inside them tells them where to go, when to

A couple of seasons ago, playing for PSV Eindhoven against Milan, Romario toyed with arguably the most experienced defender in the world, Franco Baresi.

He flicked the ball into the air with his left foot, over his caught the ball on the right thigh and, without noticably glancing towards the goal, fired back over his head into the net.

The trickery of Romario; the cold-blooded rifle crack that hallmarked the finishing of Marco van Basten; the great sialoms of Maradona ... the sheer accumulation of goals from Pelé. He, the king of all players, the scorer of 1,257 goals in 1,313 first-class games, has tried to answer questions about what occurs in the mind of a man when he scores such memorable and beautiful goals. Pelė, as involved in the game now as when he emerged as a genius at 17, has

Weah's goal did not involve a pass of any kind; no one was years, Pelé has sought to explain inspiration, but to ask in the first place is ludicrous. The same of football is about mind and muscle and, as Pelé constantly reminds us, about

Perhaps the German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, provided the answer before any of them touched the bail when he said: "Inside every man is hidden a child who wants to play."

Play on, George Weah, play



TOMORROW

makes his choice from a lifetime of goal-watching

Four Hearts fail to finish farcical red-card game

football match was althe 3-0 defeat by Rangers at Ibrox on Saturday, the Heart of Midlothian defenders. Neil Pointon and Paul Ritchie, were sent off for use of "foul or abusive language" and with their team-mates. Pasquale Bruno and David Weir, already dismissed, the game was on the verge of abandonment.

The visitors were down to seven men and if one more player in their side had been sent packing the match would, under a ruling by Fifa's Intermational Board, have ceased to be valid. Only once before in the history of League football in Scotland has there been a comparable episode. Stranraer were similarly depleted in an away match against Airdrie in December 1994.

Self-possession is soon mis-laid in the midst of such mayhem. When Ritchie trooped off, in the 67th minute of the match on Saturday, the Hearts chairman, Chris Robinson, looked as if he was actively seeking to call a halt to the whole affair.

The inevitable Scottish Football Association inquiry will examine his conduct in rushing to the touchline and waving his arms in a manner that suggested he was beckoning the remnant of the Hearts team from the field. A battery of punishments is certain to be trained on the Edinburgh club, whose quartet of culprits how miss the Coca-Cola Cup-ie with Cettic tomorrow but, on Saturday, the first person to be rebuked was the referee.

The resentment of spectators over the absurd condition to which the game was reduced inevitably identified Gerry Evans as the culprit.



commentary

After all, he was the man with the wagging cards and it is never difficult to represent an official as a priggish martinet. Compromise might have been possible in one case at Ibrox and an aghast Rangers captain, Richard Gough, pleaded for clemency before the final dismissal

The offences of Pointon and Ritchie were both brought to Evans's attention by a linesman, Graham Alison, and, in each case, the referee listened gravely to an account of the profanities that had been uttered. Weir had already been booked and his departure was probably unavoidable, but Ritchie had not previously had his name taken.

Evans might, in consequence, have elected to find him guilty only of dissent, with a yellow card sufficient punishment. This official, however, is no prude. A man who earns his living working in an approved school is unlikely to swoon at the sound of a curse. All referees ignore profanities on occasion and Evans has a reputation among his peers for tolerance of excitable football-

If he still felt compelled to despatch Ritchie, it can only be because the player's words were repellent enough to leave no scope for leniency. As it was, the game might have had another ordering off. The clash with Gordon Durie that saw Weir shown the red card also featured, as television evidence demonstrated, some unappealing histrionics by the Rangers forward.

As so often, it was the players, more than the officials, who were guilty of a lack of discretion. The recklessness seemed to flow from Bruno, whose ordering off had anaura of inevitability about it from early in the afternoon. Posturing and displays of machismo typified a man whose mind was not wholly on his

He distracted his own team at the first goal, wandering over to stare at Laudrup at a corner kick when he ought to have been hurrying back to the penalty area. The unflustered Dane rolled the ball across and a Hearts defence that had not even begun to make the required arrangements saw Stuart McCall set up Durie for the

Bruno brought with him great experience and an extensive disciplinary record. Now he risks becoming a man of gestures rather than deeds. The audience and his relationship with it have turned into obsessions and when he was dismissed Bruno walked off presumably, sardonic salute of

Hearts are outraged by the proceedings at Ibrox, but, in private, they may eventually come to a realisation that most of the blame lies with themselves. If anyone at Tynecastle still feels tempted by blistering epithets, they could always try directing them at some illdisciplined players.

Akers keeps his Arsenal team under tight rein

By SARAH FORDE

AMID the managerial up-heaval at Highbury, and the revelation by Tony Adams of his drink problem, Arsenal Ladies are "flying the flag for the club", according to Vic Akers, the women's team coach. They did so with a 2-0 win against Liverpool at Antield on Saturday in only the second women's match to have been played at the ground.

Akers instils strict discipline into his squad, as one of his younger players found out before the match. She wore the wrong tracksuit trousers out of the hotel on the way to the game on Saturday and was promptly made to change

a small indiscretion dealt with firmly by the coach to keep up the good name of the club while the men wallow in uncertainly.

On the pitch, Joanne Broadhurst scored two late goals for Arsenal that leave Liverpool without a point from their first two games under Paul Ashley, their new

Saints are the only other learn without a point. The South Coast side, promoted this year, were beaten 4-1 by Everton despite taking an early lead. Transnere Rovers, Premier National Division, held Croydon, the champions, to a 3-3 draw. Croydon needed a late penalty equaliser from Hope Powell, the England international

Doncaster Belles, who beat likeston 4-0, are the only team to have won both their opening league games.

Stevenage hanging on to prized asset

STEVENAGE Borough have turned down a "huge" bid from Bristol Rovers for their leading goalscorer, Barry Hayles. Paul Fairclough, the manager of the Vauxhall Conference champions, would not reveal the exact amount offered by the Nationwide League second division club, but said that it would have "easily beaten" the record fee collected by a non-league club, the £300,000 that Wimbledon paid Barnet for Andy Clarke

Fairclough rejected the latest of several inquiries for Hayles, 24, who scored 29 Conference goals last season, hours before his side reached the second qualifying round of the FA Cup on Saturday with a 3-0 victory over Arlesey Town at Hitchin Town's Fishponds Road ground. The decision was, he said,

"proof that we are committed to winning the championship again. It was a huge offer, but we are determined to keep our best players". Fairclough, though, was

more concerned about the fact that Szevenage should have been involved in the FA Cup at all at the weekend. It was a chore and something that we could have done without," he

His comments came six days after the Conference launched its latest bid to force the Football Association to reorganise the Cup qualifying competition. Stevenage were one of 14 Conference teams playing in the first qualifying round on Saturday, and the league believes that it is high time its status was taken into account and its clubs given exemption until the later

stages of the competition. The Premier League and

the Football League would not allow it to happen, and nor should we," Jim Thompson, the Conference president, said. "Bringing in the Confer-ence clubs at the first round proper stage, or the fourth qualifying round, is a logical step. It is not elitism, it is to do with running a professional

The FA has so far refused to consider altering what Fair-clough described as "antiquated" rules that "penalise successful clubs". Should Stevenage reach the competition proper, he said, it would almost certainly compromise their attempts to win the Conference because of a fix-

"I am not too proud to play

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teams like Arlesey, who made us work very hard, but having been so successful and having worked so hard, I don't really feel that we should have to go through it." It was Stevenage's superior

fitness that counted against Arlesey, a team containing six former Stevenage players. Their three goals came in the last 20 minutes, Corey Browne scoring twice and John Ugbah getting the other. Hayles, though, was forced to miss the tie hecause of injury.

With all 14 Conference sides having been drawn away from home, the potential for embarrassment was large.

Yet ten of the "minnows" failed to score, and only two Conference sides were inconvenienced by being taken to replays. Gateshead were held by St Helens and Hednesford Town by Wednesfield.

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Durham v Leicestershire

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Sunday trophy ends Oval drought

CARDIFF (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Glamorgan by seven wickets

IT HAS long been said of Surrey that they have no stomach for winning under pressure. It has also been said they possess such talent that one trophy would be enough to transform them. Yesterday, in the style of a side ready to justify the praise, they won the Sunday League for the first time by overwhelming Glamorgan at Cardiff.

Their first honour for 14 years, and a £40,000 prize from AXA Equity & Law, was never in serious doubt on an afternoon of blue skies, heady expectation and negligible drama. Glamorgan are a club with expansive plans for team

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and ground but the fag-end of the Sunday season is no time to see a mid-table side at their sharpest.

Surrey won as they pleased, with 7.1 overs in hand, and if the game itself was anticlimactic, the occasion and achievement were not. Many may deride Sunday cricket. indeed deplore its impact on technical standards, but while it remains one of four domestic competitions no county can ignore it, least of all a county desperate for any kind of

Last September it was Kent who took the Sunday title and heaved profound sighs of relief. It was their first trophy for 17 years and some of their followers were even prepared to forgive them for finishing

BY JACK BALLEY

SCARBOROUGH (Yorkshire won

toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat

EITHER Yorkshire or Nottingham-

shire could have won the AXA Equity

& Law League. In the end, neither of

them did. Events at Cardiff vesterday

saw to that. There were getting on for

ing Yorkshire on, but it was Notting-

hamshire who finished as runners-

up to Surrey, coming home with 24

runs and six balls to spare, after

if one man provided the spark that

was the difference between the two

teams, it was Chris Cairns. When he

came in, Nottinghamshire needed an

extraordinary innings to reach a

10,000 people at Scarborough, will-

Yorkshire by 24 runs

being put in to bat.



Stewart salutes the comfortable seven-wicket victory over Glamorgan yesterday which ensured top place in the AXA Equity & Law League

Things are different for Surrey; today they resume their quest for the four-day title and who is to say that this lifting of tension will not be all they require to win that, too? much credit for this ground-breaking win goes to Dave Gilbert, Surrey's inno-

vative coach, there will be widespread pleasure for certain of their loyal players, for whom this represents the end of a long, lean career. Even the captain, Alec Stewart, for all his decorations by England, has regularly and ruefully complained that he has never been part of a team winning anything significant.

Stewart, fittingly, was at the crease when the league was

did the damage.

challenging total on this small

ground with its fast outfield. Cairns

provided it with 38 runs scored in no

time which included two sixes and

three fours. When Yorkshire batted,

they fought bravely, keeping up with

the run rate, but losing wickets all too

regularly. It was Cairns who again

wickets fell to Cairns, including that

of Moxon, who began by taking Yorkshire towards their target of 252

with some lovely strokeplay. As

Yorkshire inched towards their goal

in the final act, it was Cairns who

finished off the tail for a personal

haul of five for 41. His efforts ensured

prize-money of £20,000.

Three of the first four Yorkshire

won. He threw both arms aloft and sprinted through the invading crowd to a pavilion containing his father Micky, a former Surrey captain. "It's been a long time coming." said Stewart Jr, "but it's worth the wait. This game is getting more like football - you need a squad of 16 or 17 players for strength in depth, and all of

ours have contributed. After beating Warwickshire with a ball to spare, and Northamptonshire off the final ball, Surrey came to Wales knowing that victory would shake off the persistent challenge of Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire, who were playing each other at Scarborough.

when their nerve was tested. Even on a torpid pitch, Glamorgan's 159 for nine was wretchedly inadequate. Very few teams can contain Surrey's batsmen to less than four runs an over and Glamorgan did not come close. Ottis Gibson, whose re-

sponse to finding Waqar Younis had taken his job was to announce he did not feel like playing the championship fixture, did agree to take the field yesterday, but to little effect. His few languid overs included a high, wide full toss to Brown which was called noball, flew for four byes and cost his side six.

Surrey had chosen to field There was hardly a moment and they did so tenaciously.

then deverly adjusted his Diving stops were commonplace, some of them breathtaking, and there was a discipline to their bowlers that has not return catch. always been evident. Dale

the ball cleanly, was sent back by James and run out by a 25yard direct hit from Julian. Quite why Matthew Maynard chose to bat as low as No 6 remains a mystery but from 47 for three his team needed some rescuing. James and Cottey shared a stand of 49 in ten overs but Pearson. the one specialist spin bowler in Surrey's armoury, now took decisive hand. He bowled James round his legs as he aimed a frustrated sweep,

quickly lost patience against

Bicknell and Hemp, striking

length against the advancing

River Taff offered lonely defiance before he became Adam Hollioake's 39th victim of the Sunday season, easily a record. It then said everything necessary about the authority this performance that Hollioake was not required to bat. Indeed, while the openers were putting on 82 in 12 overs. it seemed Surrey would need nobody else at all. Croft and Barwick restored a semblance of order but Stewart and Thorpe bedded in quietly before settling the issue with

Maynard to take an easy

CHELMSFORD (Essen wort toss): Essen (4pts) beet Suseex by seven wickets Croft's straight six into the R K Rao c Rollina b Wilson . K Greenfield c Rollina b Irani D R Law c Hussam b Powell N C Philips not out J J Bates b Wilson M R Strong not out Extract (b 9, lb 4, w 6, rb 4) Total (E wids, 40 overs)

A J Kirtley did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-32, 3-48, 4-47, 5-125, 7-146, 7-176, 5-105 BOMUNG: Andrew 7-0-35-1; kere 8-1-25-2; Wilson 8-0-40-3; Law 4-1-17-0; Grayson 5-1-27-0; Powell 8-0-62-2. D D J Robinson o M Newed b Law ... S G Law c Bates b Law "N Husseln c K Newell b Law

Total (5 wids, 27.2 overs) A P Greyson, T P Hodgeon, JJ & Lewis, D.G. Wilson, S.J.W Andrew and J.C. Powell did FAU OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-187, 3-210. POWLING Less 7-0-38-3, Strong 4-2-0-46-C: Philips 4-0-28-0: Kirthy 8-0-27-0: Rec 2-0-17-0: K Newell 2-0-15-0: Bates 3-0-

Umpires: J.H. Herns and A.G.T. Whitehead Glamorgan v Surrey CARDIFF (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) best Glemorgan by seven wickets

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A D Brown b Baneck

*†A J Stewart not out
G P Thorpe c Gibson b Cottey
N Shahed not out Extras (fb 9, w 2, nb 6) ... Total (3 wkts, 32.5 overs)

A J Holioska, C C Lews, B P Julian, Bicknell, R M Parmon and J E Benjame not bit FALL OF WICKETS 1-82, 2-90, 3-157 BOWLING Watter 8-0-43-0, Gibson 4-0-29-0, Berwick 8-0-32-1, Croft 9-0-28-1, Date 4-0-16-0; Cottey 0.5-0-4-1

Umpres: J C Balderstone and A Clarison Kent v Hampshire CANTERBURY (Kent won tose): Kent (4pts) beat Hampshee by one run

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Total (39.3 overs) 172
FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-23, 3-132, 4-143, 5-149, 6-155, 7-159, 8-186, 9-167 BOWLING Maru 8-1-25-2; Rensham 20-0: Boull 8-0-45-3; Udal 8-1 Mascarenhas 5-3-0-34-2; Whitaker WARPS-BE

G W White run out
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Extras (ib 7, w 3, nb 4) Total (4 wkts, 40 overs) ... JN B Bovill, D A Maccarenhas, S D Udal R J Maru and S J Renshow did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-118, 2-130, 3-151, BOWLING: Philips 4-0-20-0: Eatharn 5-1-19-0, Florning 8-0-25-0. Hooper 8-0-33-1 Presson 8-0-32-0. Liong 7-0-35-2

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS P N Weekes c Lee b Caddick K P Duach c Turner b Caddick K P Duach c Turner b Caddick M R Ramprelash not out O A Sheh c Trescothick b Trump "M W Gatting run out I'v R Brown c Lee b Trump P E Wellings c and b Lee R L Johnson not out Extras (b 1, fb 7 w 20 nb 2) Total (6 wids, 38.5 overs) JP Hewitt, RA Fay and ARC Freser old ner FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-17, 3-66, 4-80, 5-90, 6-188

90. 9-100 BOWLING: Caddick 8-2-24-2; Rose 8-0-42-0 Kerr 7-0-39-0; Lee 7-5-0-40-1; Trump Umpres: H D Bird and K J Lyons Northamptonshire

v Lancashire NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss). Lancashire (4pts) beal Northamptonshire by seven wickels

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Umpres: V A Holder and K E Palmer

Worcestershire v Gloocestershire WORCESTER (Gloucesterstwe won lose) Worcestersten (4pts) beat Gloucestersten

WORCESTERSHIRE Total (2 wids, 40 overs) ..

Durham sink to new depths

POOR Durham. On the final day of the AXA Equity & Law League, they were beaten by Leicestershire by 130 runs in an emberrassingly one-sided match (Ivo Tennant writes). The second-highest total in the history of the competition, 344 for four, included a century by Darren Maddy that was the fastest of the season. It was also the first of his Sunday career, and came of 54 halls.

Simmons began by strik-ing 115 off 95 balls. The scoring rate increased upon his departure, Aftab Habib making an unbeaten 50 off 31 balls as (32 came off the last ten overs. Betts returned the worst figures recorded by a Durham bowler, his six wicketless overs costing 79. Leicestershire were 19 runs short of Somerset's record

After nine successive deieats, Essex gained an emphatic victory over Sussex with 12.4 overs to spare. Law struck 120 from 82 balls, including 16 fours and three sixes. This was his twelth century in all competitions this season, a remarkable feat considering he spent a month in Sri Lanka. Hussain contributed 71 from 62 balls. Wilson, 19, took three wickets in the Sussex

Derbyshire gained some

BOWLING Smith 8-2-36-0; Lewis 8-0-48-0. Ball 8-0-69-1. Symonds 8-0-46-1; Covid 8-0-55-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Extras (ib 3, w 2, no 4) Total (7 wide, 40 overs) A M Smith and J Lewis did not bel FALL OF WICKETS 1-98, 2-149 3-159. 9 4-188, 5-235, 6-238, 7-241

Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

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A A Melcalle c Gough b Stomp 15
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K.P. Evans, 1W M. Noon, P. T. Bates and M.N. Bowen did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS, 1-50, 2-102 3-108, 4-189, 5-216

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ESSEX: First Innings 360 (G A Gooth 82, S G Law 64, R J Kirtley 4 for 94)

Umpires: J H Harris and A G T Whitehas

Glamorgan v Sprrey

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Britannic Assurance county championship Derbyshire v Warwickshire DEP8Y (third day of four). Warwickshire (21pts) beat Derbyshire (5) by four wickéts DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 242 (C J Adams 80)

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-29, 2-48, 3-60, 4-77, 5-84, 6-141 BOWLING: Malcolm 24-2-104-2; DoFrestas 21-7-43-1; Harris 15-1-82-2; Barnert 12-3-2-31-1 Umpres, M J Kitchen and B Lead

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H M Pearson not out Extras (b 11, b 8, nb 4) Total (9 wids dec) Score at 120 overs 359-6

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rarely showed it as the inevitable chances were duly taken.

There was, indeed, an air of authority about Nottinghamshire's play throughout. Their progress towards the 250 mark was a masterpiece of its kind. First, a solid start through Dowman and Robinson. then smooth acceleration when Pollard joined Robinson and finally the foot flat on the pedal as Cairns, Johnson and Tolley joined in an allout assault.

Cairns earns consolation for Nottinghamshire

Only Moxon and Vaughan looked

like playing the sort of big innings

required by Yorkshire. Hartley and

Gough hit some big shots, but it was

all too freneric to last and, if

Nottinghamshire were worried, they

over game and yesterday it showed.

The way they went about the business of batting was in marked contrast to their abject defeat in the championship match here. Robinson and Dowman coped

efficiently with Gough and Silverwood and not until Gough was relieved did a breakthrough come for Yorkshire. A long hop from Hartiey, cut hard by Dowman, was picked up low down at gully by Kettleborough. Yorkshire's own Ashley Metcalfe, warmly greeted even though in Nottinghamshire colours, did not last long. He holed out to square leg in the 22nd over. By then the hundred was up and Robinson had reached an admirably paced 50 from 73 balls.

Johnson's 52 came from 26 balls fewer as the tempo increased. Johnson's pugnacity finally turned the tide and Poliard and Calrns rode the

waves as Yorkshire's bowlers became increasingly desperate against clean, ferocious hitting. Hartley was savaged to the tune of 21 from the penultimate over of the innings and Yorkshire were up against it.

Their disappointment at failing to take this title in a season which promised so much without seeing them quite scale the heights was at least recompensed with third place in the Sunday competition. Their first season under David Byas has seen a notable resurgence, and in York-shire, certainly, the £10,000 prizemoney was not to be sneezed at.

Alan Ormrod, the Nottinghamshire coach, paid tribute to his team's resolve: "It's a credit to the players that they can come into a packed house like this with all the crowd against them and win," he said.

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M C J Ball not out

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BOMLING: Walsh 24-6-64-5: Smith 12-4 32-1: Alloyno 27 1-8-73-3: Davis 20-7-47-0; Ball 11-4-40-0; Syrnonds 17-3-47-0

Bortus points: Worcestershire ? Gloucestershire ?

First Test match

3 W Flower & Muralitharan

Umpres: J H Hampshire and R Palme

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ZIMBABWE: First Inrongs 145 (C B Wishart 51, W P U J C Vazs 4-73)

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D W Headley not cut FALL OF WICKETS 1-77, 2-154, 3-165, 4-169, 5-281, 6-289, 7-299, 8-327 BOWLING Cowan 6-0-18-0; Such 38-9-106-4; Iloti 13-1-38-0; Irani 15-2-47-0, Andrew 5-2-14-1, Grayson 6-3-12-0; Law 21-4-88-3

Extras (b 1, b 7, nb 6)

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SOML#43 Taylor 12-1-41-0, Hughes 6-1-21 2, Imros 7-1-36-0 Snape 22-2-84-3, R J Basley 3-1-4-0, Penberthy 7-1-33-0 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First livings

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Innings. revenge for their defeat by Warwickshire the previous day. They achieved an eightwicket victory that prevented their opponents finishing in third place.

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-169, 2-219.

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-18, 2-78, 3-86, 4-30. 5-139, 6-155, 7-196, 8-206, 9-211 BOWLING Svers 7-0-33-1 Bowen 8-0-47-1: Tothey 8-0-45-2 Cauris 8-1-41-5 Bales 4-0-13-0; Dowman 4-0-24-1 BOM, INC: Fay 8.2:22-3; Howell 7.3-0-45-2; Johnson 8-0-24-2; France 8-0-35-1; Week, 2 5-0-35-0; Dulon 2-0-19-1 Umplies, J W Holder and P Willey

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Derbyshire first to stumble in dash to winning post

Saturday, three more could revert to the harsh reality of mathematics by tonight With Derbyshire now out of the equation, periods threats to Leicoster. serious threats to Leicestershire being crowned as Britannie Assurance county champions next weekend depend upon Surrey and Essex who both have considerable victory assignments today.

As calculators and crystal balls are not available to all, a precis of probabilities follows. Leicestershire, with 272 points banked and a home fixture against Middlesex to come on Thursday, will need no more than a draw and maximum bonus points if neither Surrey nor Essex win their titanic, penultimate games.

If Surrey win in Cardiff today, however, they will be back within one point of the leaders, with Worcestershire as their last opponents at the

ALAN LEE

Championship Commentary

face a daunting run chase against Sussex, would take them to 265 points, the title still possible if they then beat Glamorgan at Chelmsford.
One further, fanciful possibility exists. Kent are well placed to beat Hampshire at Canterbury today, a result that would raise them to 257 points and, if other contenders fail, second place. They would then go to Bristol on Thursday knowing that they could still be champions if they win and Leicestershire lose. For those who prefer cer-

tainty to conjecture. Derbyshire's romantic challenge is over. The unlikeliest of all the contenders were eliminated with unemotional professionalism by the team they strove replace, Warwickshire. About to be stripped of their title, though plainly not their pride, Warwickshire railied from 84 for five to meet a victory target of 267.

Trevor Penney, ever a man for the lost cause, supervised the recovery with 83 not out and there was a fourth championship half-century this season from England's latest spin bowling hope, Ashley Giles. For Derbyshire, with Dominic

Cork injured and Devon Mal-colm malfunctioning, it proved a reverse that was hard to take. "We couldn't throw our punches," their inspirational captain, Dean Jones, said. "But at least we have shown we are becoming competitive." Indeed they have, and in

that they are not alone. This summer is best judged not by Durham, whose self-esteem is so shattered they must expect to lose before each game begins. Better to gauge the championship cricket by the increased number of games running their course, either for positive results in the last few hours or for that recently derided alternative, the draw. If the overdue introduction

of four-day games has succeeded, as even former opponents now concede, in producing tougher cricket, the three points available for a draw this season have been an important adjunct. The top

TOP OF TABLE

five teams in the champion ship last year drew only ten games between them; this season, the leading five have drawn 27 already. Clubs in contention are no longer giving up when they cannot win, they are fighting on to deprive the opposition. This not only ensures a fairer, more meaningful championship, it must also help equip young players with the resolution necessary

A draw, however, is of no earthly use to Kent today, for it would end their lingering chance of the title. They have set Hampshire to make 299 and they must bowl them out again, doubtless looking to the remarkable Dean Headley for their lead.

On Saturday, Headley took his third hat-trick of the season, something that has not been achieved in county crick-et since 1924, by Charlie Parker of Gloucestershire.

Essex, too, will not be much interested in settling for stale-mate today. Sussex have displayed admirable spirit against them at Chelmsford and Vasbert Drakes's century has established a lead of 338, with two wickets left. The Chelmsford pitch remains bland but Graham Gooch and Stuart Law will need to be at their most authoritative if Essex are to win.

This leaves events at Cardiff, where Surrey exceeded amassing 471 on a slow, turning pitch. Leading by 107. they then reduced Glamorgan to 94 for three, with victory hopes rising fast, but an unbroken stand of 124 between Steve James and Anthony Contey has ensured a tense final day on which a draw would leave Surrey 14 points

off the pace. David Morgan has been on the ground throughout the game in his position as chairman of Glamorgan, but it is in his alternative guise, chairing the working party into the formation of an English Cricket Board, that he is soon to become better known.

The report of Morgan's committee was published on Friday and demonstrates nothing more plainly than the fiendishly difficult job they faced in prising any power away from the established voting blocks among the counties. Ostensibly, the game as of management board, l6 strong and blessed with the size and scope to make swift decisions. In practice, as the small print reveals, "all matters of significant cricketing and financial importance to the first-class game" will need referring to a different body known cryptically as FCF. This turns out to be a First-Class Forum, consisting of two delegates from each of the 18 counties - in other words, the present constitution of the Test and County Cricket Board by

another name.
The counties have therefore won the continued right to exercise their requirements and prejudices, if necessary against the interest of the national game. Anyone deluded enough to expect a bold new world under the new authority must think again. County cricket will stay in its present, overcrowded form for as long as the clubs desire.

CRICKET: WELLS DETERMINED TO TAKE LEAD ROLE AS COUNTY LOOKS TO REGROUP

Sussex happy to turn backs on a summer of turmoil

By Ivo Tennant

THIS has not been a harmonious year for Sussex, afflicted as they have been by a failed drugs test, reported disaffection within the side towards the captain, speculation over the future of their England leg spinner and, not least, the discord that arises from a conspicuous lack of success in all forms of the game. The dressing-room at Hove was once renowned for its forbearance; now, its occupants cannot always tolerate each other.

Few cricketers are more resilient than Alan Wells, who is having to cope with his benefit season as well as the captaincy, which he has held since 1992 and is fully intent on retaining. A prolific run-scorer in county cricket, he did not play for England until last summer - and then was out first ball.

"To eo from a Test year to turning out for the old codgers in the Masters the next year must be some kind of record." Wells said as his county tried to prevent a fifth successive championship defeat at Chelmsford.

"If I felt that anybody else could do a better job, then I would step

"If I was looking over my shoulder all the time, I would not be able to concentrate properly. But I am more suited to being captain than anybody in the present side. We have had a bad run but we could easily have won three or four more championship matches. The four-day game is unforgiving."

According to Nigel Bett, the Sussex secretary, Wells has the backing of the club's committee, although a decision over his retention as captain might not be made until the spring. "If I believed all the rumours I hear, nobody would be playing for us next season," Bett

Overriding all other events has been the ban - and subsequent dismissal — imposed on Ed Giddins, for drug-taking that was not performance enhancing. The

need for discipline within any sports organisation is paramount, but then the pop group Oasis, who are supposedly the icons of the age and who have a considerably wider and more impressionable audience, have openly admitted taking drugs. And at least Giddins did not expectorate when Hove was his

stage.
Nor, it should be stressed, was he the first Sussex player to indulge in this manner: Anzilian joints were the favoured noxious substance of one of their former cricketers.

Giddins failed his drugs-test at Tunbridge Wells, of all places, at the end of May. The ensuing speculation as to the identity of the player, coupled with the Test and County Cricket Board's refusal to confirm his name even when it was freely and accurately discusse in the media, hardly unified the

There are colleagues who thought his punishment harsh and others who are contemplating their own futures, regardless of his summary dismissal. Danny Law, another promising fast bowler, is

Durham, whose batting needs bolstering, have a regard for the talents of Martin Speight, not least, perhaps, because he was at university there. He is, though, expected to stay with Sussex. There is considerable conjecture over the future of lan Salisbury, to whom Sussex have offered a five-year contract in an attempt to prevent him moving to Surrey, or, indeed,

any other county. Salisbury was omitted from both England tour parties and intends spending the winter away from the garne. "I am 26 now and so have a big decision to make over my future, and I will take a long time thinking everything over," he said. "But I get on OK with Alan Wells and have not even spoken to

"I reckon all this speculation



arose because during Guildford week I had a drink with Tony Pigott, who I used to live with before he moved to the Oval."

Wells believes that if Sussex can strengthen their batting, then Salisbury, who is out of contract at the end of the season, can be persuaded to stay. "We are looking at which ayers around the country are not being retained and which batsmen will be wanting to move counties, but there is no point in going for a 37 or 38-year-old such as Neil Taylor," he said. "It is important to

look to the future. This speculation about Ian, Martin Speight and Ed Giddins not getting on with me can be summed up in one word: rubbish. We have spoken about this in a team meeting. At times I have been

criticised for being too pig-headed, but I have been less strong-willed this year. I have been more concerned with listening to comment from the junior as well as the senior players.

"I still have ambitions for the side, have two more years on my contract and obviously would like to carry on being captain. I am learning all the time."

Harris emerges from quality street

Simon Wilde profiles the latest promising cricket

recruit from a renowned village in Derbyshire

t is one of Yorkshire cricket's proudest boasts — and there are a few — that two of the greatest all-rounders the game has known, George Hirst and Wilfred Rhodes, both of whom batted right-handed and bowled left, were born in the same village, Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield.

Derbyshire may soon tell of an even more unlikely coincidence. Assuming Andrew Harris, who has been chosen for the England A tour of Australia next month, lives up to his considerable promise, three of the leading bowlers in the county's history will have all resided in the very same street — Conduit Street in Tiotwhistle, a village nestling in the hills beneath the county's north-west border.

Harris was preceded there by Sam Cadman and Bert "Dusty" Rhodes, respectively twelfth and thirteenth in the county's all-time list of wicket-takers. Cadman first played for the club in 1900. Rhodes in 1937, the year after Derbyshire won their first and, after the defeat by Warwickshire on Saturday,

Strangely, the three share not only the same dwelling-place but, means of destruction with the ball. Each was, or is, a right-arm fastmedium bowler, although "Dusty" Rhodes resurrected a youthful flirtation with leg-spin when Derbyshire were short of slow bowlers after the Second World War.

Harris, 23, is the liveliest of the trio. He has generated enough pace this season to bowl some stablished batsman and Karl Krikken, the Derbyshire wicketkeeper, says that he hits the gloves as hard as anyone at the club, Devon Mulcolm included. He also has the ability to move the ball either way and is commendably

Harris's origins are a source of pride to him. He is proud of his village, where he has lived with his parents all his life, and of his county. His county is equally proud of him, players and officials at the club saluting him as a model

Harris started his career with the Tintwhistle club, where his father was chairman, before being picked up by Alan Hill, the oach, and put into the colts side.

Although he has sprung to attention this season with 44 matches, he had left his mark during a handful of appearances

in the previous two seasons. He took a wicket with his second delivery in first-class cricket - and Alec Stewart's at that - and unleashed a staggeringly fast and hostile spell in an AXA Equity & Law League against Hampshire at Derby. Kim Barnett described it as the finest he had ever seen in oneday cricket — ber one by Michael Holding. "He channels all his aggression into letting the ball go." said one friend.

His rise has not been plain sailing, though. Two years ago he looked by no means certain to make it as a professional, being short on physical strength and suffering from shin splints. Last year Les Stillman, now the Derbyshire coach but then touring with Australia A, set eyes on him for the first time and wondered whether he was looking at an over-eager

"He was trying too hard to bowl fast." Stillman said. "Gilchrist and Love just murdered him. He was Although he worked on his fitness last winter. Harris has missed more matches this season with a strained side.

🕆 tillman is anxious that not too much is expected of Harris. "The A tour is an experimental thing," he said. "The selectors believe there are things in these players worth having a look at, to see whether they should be

groomed.
"I think Harris is as good a young bowler as there is but you will get no predictions from me. Let's see how he handles the

Like Cadman, who played for the county until he was 49, and Rhodes, who did so until 37, one of Harris's greatest attributes is his willingness to bowl, as he demonstrated against Warwickshire, when Derbyshire were reduced to three fit bowlers.

He was rewarded with his county cap on the first day: the next step is to break the mould and add to it an England cap, something no resident of Conduit Street has yet achieved.



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RUGBY UNION: HARLEQUINS AND WASPS MAINTAIN UNBEATEN RUN IN COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP



Carling, the Harlequins centre, leaves tacklers clutching at air as he bursts through during the comprehensive victory over London Irish at the Stoop Memorial Ground

New-found wealth buys capital show

London Irish7

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MONEY talks, and nowhere

louder than in London. The commercial attractions of the capital are famed the world over and it is no surprise to removed. find that five of English rugby union's newly-capitalised clubs are based there, nor that two of them — Harlequins and Wasps — now look down on the rest from the lofty unbeaten heights of the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship. How long this enviable state

of affairs will last is another matter. Detractors of the mulu-nadonal XV will argu that Harlequins, who have averaged 60 points a match. have yet to meet substantial opposition, yet the longer their run is sustained, the greater the confidence with which they will approach their December games against the pride of the provinces, Bath and Leicester

Nor do we yet know the optimum teams of Harleouins, Bath, Wasps, - those whose money has bought strength in depth. When they

then we will know, or should know, were it not for the uncertainty surrounding the Heineken Cup; the English clubs have yet to sign the participation agreement and there are growing fears that cial structure underpinning the competition could be

The only certainty the Eng-

lish game has at the moment is the vastly-enhanced club product on display: London Irish demonstrated as much by beating Northampton a week earlier only to arrive at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday for a ritual humiliation made worse by the fact that four of their own were largely responsible: Michael Lorcoran scored intee mes Rory Jenkins and Jim Staples a brace each. All three have appeared in the Exiles' colours while Keith Wood, who also scored two tries, seeks to reestablish his international career with Ireland.

Wood has suffered a mortifying hiatus since playing against Japan in the World Cup to months ago. A shoul-der injury kept him out of action with Garryowen last season but now he is back near his rumbustious best; he

squad but surely he will soon be restored. He is the quickest forward at the Stoop and he showed as much, as well as the ability to give and take a pass, and sell a dummy.

A game of spasmodic quality gave a trio of Ireland electors mixed feelings. These days, luminaries from many countries beat a path to the English game, for John Ryan one of those responsible for the management of the Elite Cymru 2000 squad — arrived from Wales to keep an eye on



Staples, a former Exile, rounds Davidson for one of his tries

ing his Harlequins debut at keep playing in such adverse scrum half. What with the circumstances. Now we have Liewellyn brothers in harness to make sure the confidence for the first time since leaving we gained in beating Northampton doesn't drain away Neath and Gary Connoily bringing his skills from rugby but if we are first division. league, it was almost too much then Harlequins are surely for a capacity crowd of 4,750 to premiership material."

It was certainly too much for the Irish. "It was a salutory lesson." Roger McKibbin, their chairman of selectors, said. "Harlequins played the kind of rugby we want to play

All too frequently in the second half, the game resembled a training exercise for Harlequins as they scored 46 points without reply and allowed Connolly to find his feet in rugby union. Shepherded here and there by Will Carling, the Wigan centre's skills on the ball and his application were beyond critiism, though Richard Best, the Harlequins director of rugby, will not agree, "He gave away

ne's in credit

gave Flood the Irish try. Best knows that other sides will not concede possession so readily as the Irish, whose playmaker, David Humphreys, probably should not have started a game he failed to finish because of an ankle injury. Yet the movement of the ball by Harlequins was impressive. Though there are not that many of them, it was a

pleasure to see English play-

seven points and made 21, so

moment." Best said, referring

to the defensive error that

rather than allowing the physical confrontations to dominate. For that, players such as Laurent Cabannes are partially responsible. If Corcoran and Carling

had managed more than four conversions between them, the slaughter would have been complete. Running on to the ball from deep, the Harlequins forwards dominated the first half: the second half saw Jenkins in full flight and incisive finishing against an increasingly-woebegone de-fence. When Challinor left with an ankle injury Harlequins could even give Carling the final quarter at stand-off half, the position he now seeks to make his own, though judgment on that experiment must be deterred to a mon demanding day.

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Leicester must adapt to life in the fast lane

Leicester .

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

JUST what are Leicester playing at? Whatever it is, it was as far removed from Bob Dwyer's ambition for the club as he was from Edge Hall Road on Saturday, When the video reaches him in Sydney, their Australian coach will

Dwyer is back home for a month, tying up loose business ends. He might tie up a few players after watching yet another unashamed display of turgid, ten-man grind. Leicester won, as they invariably do, but the game is moving on at pace, and much as their redoubtable pack love life in the slow lane, they are in danger of being overtaken. What forces are at work at

Welford Road? This, surely, was not a display of Dwyer's making. All the coaching staff aspire to a higher plane, not the base muscle that went into a performance that had the imprint of the dinosaur Richards and the killjoy front row of Rowntree, Cockerill and Garforth stamped all over it. On a lovely late summer afternoon, victory derived from the depths of muddy

Safety-first remains the Leicester maxim and stick-itup-the-jumper the preferred option. So far Dwyer's vision has not found its way into a side that has seen the future being mapped out in the southern hemisphere, yet turns a blind eye. Dwyer has a two-year plan, but while the blinkers remain fixed, it cannot advance beyond the drawing-board stage.

The stifling routine, in which Richards squeezes the life out of the opposition and Johnson rampages to his heart's content, is now so deeply ingrained that when Leicester do emerge from their subterranean world, the outcome is invariably fumbling and inept. The midfield was again iamentable.

It was remarkable that Greenwood and Potter got tries, since they dropped just about everything. Orrell were crushed up front, vet all the artistry, adventure and movemeni stemmed trom them. Unlike Leicester, they have backs to make the spirits sour. They attacked from deep for the simple reason that their pack got them nowhere near the visitors' line.

Hitchmough is one of the most exciting young talents around, the muscular Naylor is back to his best on the right wing, Tuigamala gets better in the centre with every game, and, inside him. Lyon continues to adapt well from rugby

lighting the blue touch paper of his backs. Frano Botica is seemingly bound for Llanelli next month. Castleford, his rugby league club, apparently sanctioned the permanent two-year deal. In the cutthroat professional world. Orrell have lost out more than most. Three league defeats already heralds a long road back to recovery, and, good as their backs are, the need for pack reinforcements is al-

ready paramount. When a twisted hip forced Botica off at the break. Hitchmough's successful switch from full back to standoff half suggested all might not be lost with Botica's departure. On the occasions Johnson did not wrap up the ball, Orrell quickly recycled scraps of possession to produce a feast. Only when defensive exhaustion set in did Leicester, thanks largely to Underwood, finally give the ball width.

John Liley, as so often, kicked Leicester to safety with four penalties. His brother, Rob, in a drab league debut outside Becconsall, another newcomer at half back, was more wayward. His second missed dropped goal attempt led to a gem of a try by Orrell.



John Liley: reliable boot

Botica tapped to himself, Lyon and Tuigamala tore up the middle and Naylor supplied the exquisite finishing touch. Slick handling produced another fine try by Saverimutto in the second half.

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The flourish of tries by Potter and Hackney was too little and woefully late by a Leicester side who might, in the long term, benefit from a pasting or two. That way the might at least see Dwyer's promised land.

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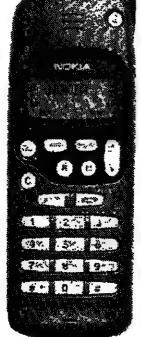
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Men of letters fall foul of instant judgment

Northampton Bristol

By PETER BILLS

MUCH incident at Franklin's Gardens. The protracted sending off of Eben Rollitt, the Bristol No.8, would have formed an ideal script for a Whitehall Farce, while his colleague, Shaw, finished the match resembling something from the Egyptology department at the British Museum.

Neither side suggested in their overall performance that they will feature in the division of the season's spoils. Northampton were so much sharper, and possessed so much more creative, attacking intent throughout, that they ought to have been secure enough by half-time to expand still further their compelling open play of the first half. Grayson had a poor day with his goal-kicking, though, missing six in the first half aione. Bristol, although clearly disliking Ian McGeechan's clever tactic of constantly moving their big pack around on a warm afternoon, somehow sensed something other than

When Burke's second penalty soon after half-time edged Bristol closer, at 18-13, the game contracted. Bristol then decided matters for themselves in a puzzling second

A touch judge's raised flag was the prelude to an extraordinary piece of judgment. Mr Wallis's long conversation ended with two Bristolians being summoned. Upon presenting their credentials - the letters on their backs - they were both cleared of any suspicion. A third, Rollitt, was instantly dismissed, which seemed satisfactory enough, except that video evidence

the scene of what Mr Wallis later described, carefully, as "alleged stamping".

None of this would greatly matter in an amateur sport. It does in a professional one and the authorities will surely have to bow to the inevitable.



Rodber: big tackling

upon presentation of the video evidence.

Shaw then suffered an apsalling head cut that ended his game. Perversely, Bristol's 14 men then played with altogether more brio than hitherto. Yet the match was finally sealed by their own hands, or rather the shakiness of them

They last control of the ball going forward so often that continuity was rendered impossible. Rodber's big tackling was partly responsible but by no means always. Nevertheless, Corkery again under-lined his considerable improvement before the watching Ireland and British

Isles selection teams. Northampton used Beal most intelligently from the back and cut some smart running angles in attack. Even with 35 per cent possession they would test the best outside the scrum but they

need greater presence up front. Rodber cannot do it all Their pack did provide good ball, though, for first-half tries by Grayson, the impressive Bell and Beal, Rodber clinching it with another five minutes from time. Corry and Corkery replied.

Bayfield, who is injured. may resume light training in a few weeks and he is needed. Northampton do not yet offer a powerful test and McGeechan's caution in the buyers' market may be the

SCORERS: Northampton: Tries: Graysoft, Bell, Beat, Rodber Pemalty goals: Grayson (2). Dropped goal: Grayson Bristol: Tries: Corry. Corkey Conversion: Burke Penalty goals: Burke (3). NORTHAMPTON: N Beat; C Moir, M Allent, J Bell, H Thomsycroft; P Grayson, M Davison M Volland, A Clarke, M Lewis, D MacKimon, J Philips, S Foale, A Pountiney. T Rodber D Merkin lemporary replacement for Foale (51-54mm). BRISTOL: P Hult: B Research Waters, M. BRISTOL: P Hult: B Research

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Sella puts convincing case for foreign legion

Gloucester... BY ALISON KERVIN

RUGBY union's struggling metamorphosis from amateurism to professionalism has been accompanied by a host of unflattering comparisons with football. Fears have arisen that the worst aspects

of that game will slide insidiously into rugby union. The latest worry is that the import of foreigners will leave the national selectors with only a limited number of players from which to choose, as imports take up residence. mirroring the situation in

football. It is almost an extension of

the clubs and the Rugby Football Union. Which is more important - the development of a structure that allows eligible players to hone their skills in preparation for international honours, or the creation of star-studded clubs that supporters will flock to see and investors will pour

their riches into? Clearly for the clubs, the latter is the ultimate objective, and buying top players has become part of the new era. Moreover, it has become ever clearer that imported players add an extra dimension, and those clubs investing in them have become the success sto-

ries of the professional era. On Saturday it was the superstars that made the dif-

ference for Saracens in the Courage Clubs Championship first-division encounter. Michael Lynagh was missing through injury, but Philippe Sella showed his style, and more importantly, brought the best out of the English

players around him. The last time Saracens played Gloucester at home, relegation loomed over both of them. This season the story is vastly different - a new ground, a new mascot unveiled and a couple of the greatest players inthe world

signed up. At the break, it looked as if it was money badly spent. Gloucester led 6-3, having had the best of the first half. Then Saracens came alive. Sella began his dynamic influence

on the game with a counter-attack from deep. He burst into life and put in a grubber kick for Paul Wallace to follow over the line. Saracens were rolling as

Copsey scored the first of his two tries, driving over the line. Sella charged through again, giving a scoring pass to Chesney and Copsey went over for his second after a drive by Diprose. Richard Wallace joined his brother on the score-sheet for the fifth try. all of which were converted by Lee. Gloucester's only reply was a try by Mike Lloyd.

Bracken had an excellent game for Saracens, while for Gloucester it was Greening who led the way, with Mapletoft providing some sparkle before being injured.

about the validity of filling English clubs with foreign players, but while the imports continue to provide these glimpses of brilliance and moments of magic, it is probably best to sit back and enjoy the rugby for what it is, and allow the officials to continue their theorising on the future

of the sport.

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RUGBY UNION: DESPERATION TO ENTERTAIN HAS PAINFUL REPERCUSSIONS IN PROFESSIONAL WORLD

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Bath's cavaliers swagger to defeat

BY SIMON BARNES

STEVE DAVIS is always worth listening to. At his peak he was not merely a snooker champion: he was the perfect example of bone-deep profes-sionalism. His game, his entire style was based on self-

You can miss balls," he said. "Anyone can miss a ball. I don't get down on myself if I miss a ball. It's when you find yourself thinking wrong. That's when you've lost it."

Rugby union coaches should copy the words of Davis onto large pieces of card and stick them up in every first division dressing-room in the land. This counts double for Bath, the league champions, who seemed to have left their brains hanging up with their blazers on Saturday, Too many rugby union people are so unterly chuffed to bits with themselves for being "professional" that they are commit-ting the Davis Error again and again. They are thinking wrong. And they do not even

Wasps went to visit Bath on Saturday and came away with a surprising victory by an even more surprising scoreline: a basketball score. "We're still dedicated to the game we

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play," John Hail, the Bath

director of rugby, said. After their almighty drubbing of Swansea in midweek, Bath dropped their captain, de Glanville, lined up with two rugby league men, Paul and

Robinson, and went swaggering to defeat. I remember when I first worked in journalism, when I first became a "professional" Oh, the love-affair we all had with the jargon. We grew out of it in a couple of months of course; it is to be hoped that

rugby union will do the same. Got to produce a product people want to watch," Nigel Melville, the Wasps director of rugby, said, talking of the sport's latest try-glut. "That's how it is this season." "A good advert for the sport," the club captain, Lawrence Dallaglio,

Product? Advert? What kind of nonsense is this? We are talking about a sport, here, about a game, not about a gimmick in a shop-window. Bath had a chance to keep it tight and play the lines." Dallaglio said. "But give them credit: they chose to play

expansive rugby." What they actually chose to do was to blow a winning lead: to do so comprehensively. They led 24-14 in the second half, and then conceded 23 points without reply. Bath are just not supposed to do things



Tuigamala, a fearsome proposition in either rugby code, bears down on the Bath defence in the high-scoring encounter on Saturday

like that. Their game-plan, if it can be dignified as such, was to huri wild and extravagant passes in the general direction of the rugby league men, Paul and Robinson.

That is the trouble with having superstars in your side: you think that with one flash of brilliance they can solve any amount of selfcreated problems. So you seek give them the ball at every moment of doubt.

The game-plan comes down to a desperate quest for a miracle. Paul and Robinson are better at miracles than most, but if you have no alternative game-plan, they are a good deal easier to

defend against. And this game-plan was hampered rather when Paul went off with damaged ligaments, an injury that could keep him out for a while. It did not cramp Bath's style, but it should have done, had minds been on sport rather than products and adverts.

Bath blowing a winning lead at home? This would have been unthinkable at any time in their recent history. Bath had, above all things, the art of controlling a game. This is a matter that takes good organisation, high skill, and above all, right thinking.

It is, if you like, urday, Bath did not play like professionals: played like million-

aires. Catt. the stand-off half. in particular played like the black sheep of a family, cast-ing his inheritance about in wild and reckless gambles. It was worse than amateurish; it made you ache for the genuine Davis-like professionalism of

> The match had its points and its moments, of course it did. Tuigamala, Wasps' own

rugby league import, was his usual titanic self, and an unexpected bonus of the match was the way Guscott, the pretty boy of rugby union, rose to Tuigamala's challenge with running and tackling.

There were lots of tries, eight of them to be precise, and any amount of nice little

It seems that rugby union has decided that "professional" means a show-boating.

moments. The fact of the We are talking about a sport

not a shop-window gimmick'

matter is, though, that most of like this: glittering, error-ridthe tries came not from miracles but mistakes. Wasps bagged their first try with a turnover and a long sprint from Sampson; their second came from a schoolboy howler of a dropped ball from Catt that summed up the afternoon. Rugby union men are inclined to talk about the latest tinkerings to the laws, de-

signed to promote more open play, and to prevent spoiling by the forwards. The changes are "designed to produce an improved product, essential to sustaining professionalism," according to Rob Smith, the Wasps coach.

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voters of sport. The

results is games den, ultimately unsatisfying. There is a fundamental misunderstanding of profession-alism in sport. It is not about big moves, big names and big scores, any more than it is about grinding and spoiling and grim pragmatism. It is about thinking right: knowing when and what risks are justified; of seeking control.

The one thing professional sport is not about is entertainment. A player who is concerned to entertain should be dropped instantly. Sport is about competition and confrontation. It is about straining to the limits of your abilities and the depths of your personality. This is, inciden-tally, enthralling to watch, but that is not, and never should the concern of the players. nor, for that matter, the coaches. Professional sport is not about style, you see. It is about

SCOREPS: Bath: Tries: Robinson. Catl. Nool, penalty by. Conversions: Callard (2). Penalty goels: Cellard (4). Wasss: Tries: Sheasty (2), Sampson, Mitchell Conversions: Rees (4). Penalty goals: Rees (3). Dropped goal: King BATH: J. Celard, J. Salightholms, J. Guscott, H. Paul, J. Robinson, M. Catt, A. Nool, D. Hitton, G. Dawe, J. Mallett, N. Thomes, B. Cuesck, N. Redman, S. Ojomoh, E. Peters. Paul replaced by A. Adebayo (46mm). WASPS: G. Rees: P. Sampson, N. Greenstock, V. Tugarmala, S. Roiser, A. King, A. Gomersatt, W. Green, S. Machett, D. Malfoy, M. White, M. Greenwood, D. Croftin, L. Dallagilo, C. Shessiby Green replaced by M. Griffiths (74mm).

Scottish clubs ready to join English revolt

By MARK SOUSTER AND DAVID HANDS

YESTERDAY the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) took its roadshow to Scotland in an attempt to persuade the players, and then the clubs, to join them in their rebellious plans. On the evidence of the reception accorded to Sir John Hall and Donald Kerr in Edinburgh, it is not out of the

Sir John unveiled Epruc's masterplan to the international squad at Myreside and then to Scottish First Division Rugby Ltd (SFDR) at an Edinburgh hotel. It is one of a structured season beginning with domestic leagues, followed by European competition and then international rugby, culminating in a Super lo tournament similar in format to the southern hemisphere's successful Super 12.

Sir John insisted this could all be achieved under the auspices of the respective unions but, if not, a breakaway would occur on October II. Television would provide the finance and tendering documents outlining the products on offer were sent to broadcasters on Friday.

The representatives of Scot-land's top 20 clubs were sufficiently impressed to take back a recommendation that Epruc should be supported. The players, as always, hold the key but, after a meeting with Epruc last Thursday, the English-based exiles from Wales, Ireland and Scotland indicated their willingness to ioin forces.

A few more from north of the border would be required to field a full-strength international team. To that end, and given the clubs' tacit support, Sir John is understood to be willing to bankroll the leading Scottish clubs to the tune of £1.5 million, in the short-term. to enable them to contract players, rather than the Scot-

tish Rugby Union. Keith Robertson, the director of rugby at Melrose, and chief executive of SFDR, said yesterday: "The English players coming on board has given the whole thing respectability. But I insist we don't want to break away. This can all happen with clubs having indepen dence to rur their own affairs but allowing the union to run rugby at the top and bottom. Our vision allows for a vibrant domestic structure which four districts controlled by Murrayfield would not."

The domestic structure would consist of eight-team divisions playing home and away, with the top four from the first division qualifying for rugby's equivalent of the European Champions' League in football and the bottom four playing in a Uefa Cup-style

The Super 16 tournament would include four teams. either clubs or amalgamated districts, from each of Eng-land and France, three from Wales, two from both Scotland and Ireland and one from Italy. It sounds straightforward: whether the unions can be persuaded is another matter. They may have no option.

Already there are crisis talks planned for tomorrow between ITV and European Rugby Cup Ltd over the Heineken Cup; were the unions to lose the revenue from that tournament they would be limited indeed in what they could offer their clubs, though they have received support from an unexpected source: the former England captain, Will Carl-

wouldn't have signed for Epruc because I don't think they're really offering an awful lot." Carling said at the weekend. "It's a very hard position to put the players in and it's not one I would have allowed myself to be put in. I don't think the players should take sides. I want to play for England and I don't think it's right that anyone asks you not

to play for your country."
Players from Carling's club,

Jeff Young, the former Wales hooker, will not to have his contract as technical director with the Welsh Rugby Union renewed. Young has held the job for five years but many of his functions have been taken over by the directorate headed by Terry Cobner.

Harlequins, will be encouraged tonight to support Enruc's aims, just as the England squad agreed to last week. "It's in our interests to do so," Richard Best, director of rugby at the Stoop, who has called a club meeting, said. The sooner this dispute, which has dragged on for a year and a month, is resolved

"Will Carling is a very experienced player who has his own views and if he chooses not to [acknowledge Epruc's authority in handling this club won't hold it against

Jack Rowell, the England coach, said a split to be inevitable: "The message from the players and the clubs is that they want to play for England," he said. "But the players' friendships are at the clubs and now the clubs are paying them. With England they might be in and out within a year. But I don't believe there will be any ultimatum [from England] and I don't believe there will be two England teams."

Ring rues another reverse

West Hartlepool 18

By Barney Spender

MARK RING, the West Hartlepool player-coach, will be a worried man this morning. This dismal defeat away to Sale on Saturday means that they have lost all three of their Courage Clubs Championship first division matches this season, and have the unenviable record of 22 straight

With matches against Saracens, Bath, Leicester and Wasps to follow, the book on their chances of survival appears to be already closed. Defeat at Heywood Road

was not, in itself, so bad, but the manner of it was. The back row put themselves about in the opening exchanges, but, once Dewi Morris had scored the first of Sale's nine tries after ten minutes, the pack rifted into obscurity.

Sale. They must also wait to see the extent of the injuries drifted into obscurity.

no attempt at control and little evidence of an offensive gameplan. The defence was even shabbier and the front-line tackling non-existent as Sale broke the line almost on

down," Ring said. "We were very poor in some of our decision-making, and our ball-retention had a very bottom-of-the-table look about it. The only thing I can put it down to is the massive psychological barrier that comes with spirit is there, but when you have half-a-dozen doubting Thomases, things just don't click." Apart from that, no problems, although Ring did talk about some big-name signings: there are talks in progress with three Australians and a New Zealander.

did win possession, there was demand.

"Our skill levels let us successive losses. The team

The paucity of the opposi-

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a well-drilled performance by

that saw them use all four replacements. Andy Smith, the prop, and John Devereux. the centre, are expected to have recovered, respectively. from jaw and ankle injuries to face London Irish next week, but Tom Beim, the wing, has his arm in plaster and is likely

to be out for a while.

Morris's influence saw Sale race to a 32-6 interval lead. and once he went off, Sale kept up the pressure. After going 58-6 ahead, they lost shape and focus, allowing Hartlepool two soft tries. SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Morris (2), Raes, Barendell (2), Werr (2), Verbickas, Vyvyen, Conversionis: Verbickas (5) Penalty goal: Verbickas, West Hartlepool: Tries: Siva, S

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Referee: S Lender (Liverpool).

Blackheath finish stronger Bedford3

BY BRYAN STILES

IT IS still the same old story; a fight for victory and glory. But in these professional days, playing rugby at the top level comes with a catch — players

have to entertain and, inevitably, that means fitness levels have to be much higher, as Bedford found to their cost in this Courage Clubs Championship second-division battle. Geoff Cooke, the Bedford director of rugby and the former England manager, acknowledged that his forwards had not been fit enough and suggested they are in for a torrid time on the training ground. He was also unhappy with their ball-retention, handling skills and lineout work. That does not leave much to

This was a match bigspending Bedford would have been expected to win if they

old amateur days and the modern out and involves all sorts from the

are to challenge for promotion at the end of the season. Judging by the names on their team sheet, they do have the players to challenge Newcastle, Richmond and Coventry, the high-fliers, who all

von on Saturday. With Rayer at full back, Turner at No 10 and Probyn at prop. they appear a formida-ble combination. All three players did their party pieces in style, Rayer defending well and producing some searing runs down the middle, Probyn disrupting the opposition front row and Turner unveiling a sackful of tricks.

Only resolute tackling by Blackheath defenders kept them out and Bedford must have been cursing the luck that kept Martin Offiah, their most notable recruit, out of the action with a toe injury. His penetrative running and devastating finishing could have made all the difference.

Blackheath deserved their victory for splendid teamwhich had been bolstered by the arrival of Mark Russell the lock, from Harlequins and Gary Holmes, the prop, from Saracens. With Holmes feeling his way and with Probyn causing front-row mayhem it little wonder that Blackheath lost three strikes against the head in the first

Some touchline advice and then a stern briefing at halftime from their coach, Hika Reid, the former New Zealand hooker, sorted out the problem and the pack grew in confi-dence, carrying the battle to Bedford even more determinedly, and, ultimately, successfully.

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Neath squander opportunity to storm fortress of steel

Neath

By JOHN HOPKINS

BOTH the strengths and weaknesses of the new world of professional rugby union were present in this game. For all the commitment to handling that is state-of-the-art rugby nowadays, not to mention the players' greater urge to express themselves vividly for the approval of spectators, there was nothing that could be done about the homely relics of the old amateur era that were evident off the field at Eugene

Four tries and 36 points seemed rather parsimonious in a week in

which Bath and Swansea clocked up more than 100 points and teams scoring more than 50 were not unusual. It was far from a dull game. however, and you were left with a feeling of admiration for the commitment and work-rate of the home side, who appeared to have made excellent use of the resources available to them.

Kingsley Jones, the Ebbw Vale captain, later spoke of wanting to make the ground a place other teams would not want to come to, and if his team continue to display the same iron-willed qualities in defence then their ground will, indeed, justify its

name as the home of the steel men. Neath, who are now without the Llewellyns and Leigh Davics. should have won for all the posses-

sion they had and they stand accused of wastefulness for not doing so. They led for more than half the game but a spell after half-time, when they could and should have scored but did not, was what turned this match. They could have had a comfortable lead at half-time instead of being

ahead by one point Both then and later, again and again, they seemed intent on bringing the ball back to the most crowded areas of the pitch when a wider, more expansive approach would have made all the difference. Darryl Jones, the Neath coach, called it "panic running" and added, ominously. "it's something we'll have to

Where the difference between the

professional era was more evident than on the pitch was around the ground. The press box, which has done service for decades, was oversubscribed nearly an hour before kick-off, which is more than could be said for the grandstand and the tiered concrete section. The club's telephone lines had been ripped out

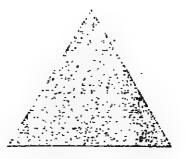
A gesture to the 1990s was the sign on the clubhouse of the temperature on a glorious sunlit afternoon. It was 22C for most of the game, nowhere near as hot as the announcer who repeatedly requested the owner of a Citroën to remove his car because it

was blocking the entrance and exit. There was one last reminder that in Wales, at least, rugby still reaches community. In the aforementioned press box, I had the Glamorgan county cricket scorer on one side and a religious teacher from Carmarthen on the other. The latter, a charming rather excitable man, was doing frequent radio broadcasts during the game. These tested him to the full and after one he exclaimed: "More nerve-racking than the pulpit - and I've preached in front of thousands."

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Referee: B Williams (Port Talbot)





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McColgan rewarded for victory charge

LIZ McCOLGAN has produced many epic performances during her career. Over 10,000 metres, there was her 1988 Olympic silver medal and her 1991 world title. In the big city marathons, she has triumphed in New York and

However, in few of her runs has she shown such courage as at the Bupa Great North run on Tyneside yesterday, when she cut down a 50 yard lead over the last mile of the half-marathon distance of 13.1 miles to beat Esther Kiplagat, of Kenya.

As the pair sped along the seafront, in the sunshine of South Shields, McColgan seemed doomed to endure anoth*er* defeat after the disappointment of the Atlanta Olympics when she suffered an insect bite, an infected ankle and finished sixteenth

in the marathon. However, the Scot roused herself in her familiar style, head bent slightly forward. eyes concentrated on the back of the Kenyan who had drifted away from here and Yvonne Murray at eight miles.

Gradually, as the pair ran parallel to the North Sea towards the finish, McColgan closed the gap. However, there were still 20 yards between them with a quarter of a mile to go. Kiplagat, realising from the cheers of the crowd that she was being caught, tried to accelerate, but her legs began to wobble and McColgan swept past her with a 100

vards left, to win in 70min 28sec with the Kenyan eight

seconds further back. McColgan said: "The crowd lifted me but I did not know when I was going to catch her. I just put my head down and, over the last mile, I felt I was sprinting, sprinting all the

Nothing will make up for the disappointment of Atlanta. However I decided that when the infection cleared up I would get training again and do some racing which is what

Murray. wealth 10,000 metres champion, who has been injured almost all season, finished fourth in 72min 25sec. She said that she felt fine until eight miles when, coming away from a feeding station, both her caives began to suffer from

The men's race was not quite so dramatic, although Paul Evans threatened to make it so for a few minutes. Along the seafront, he launched an attack on Benson Masya, the Kenyan, who had won the race three times previously and yesterday established a 100-yard lead with a mile to go.

Unlike Kiplagat, Masya had judged his pace perfectly and maintained his controlled style to finish well ahead of Paul Evans, who was third in the London marathon last April. Masya's winning time was 61min 43sec while Evans finished in 61min 55sec.



McColgan salutes the crowd as she crosses the line in South Shields vesterday

MOTORCYCLING: SEE-SAW STRUGGLE IN CATALONIA GRAND PRIX GOES WAY OF AUSTRALIAN MASTER

Doohan basks in acclaim for third world title

MICHAEL DOOHAN, from Austra-lia, took his third consecutive 500cc Juan Carlos of Spain, who is a keen in the championship. world championship by finishing second behind Carlos Checa, of Spain, in the Catalonia Grand Prix in Montmelo sterday. Tit's unbelievable: at the beginning of the year I just didn't think this was possible." Doohan said.

For Checa, a local man, it was the first win of a promising career and some compensation after falling when motorcycle enthusiast.

Doohan said that Checa's move had helped him. "Checa took the lead and that was good -- it took the pressure off, meaning I could finish lower down." he said.

Doohan, who had only needed to finish second to secure the title, fulfilled his pre-race promise of stickhe was leading the race last year. He ing to Alex Criville, who began the day

received the race trophy from King as the only rider who could catch him himself finish fourth, he pulled out the

Luca Cadalora, of Italy, was first away from the starting grid, but was unable to contain Checa, who took the lead on the third iap and never looked back. Behind him, Criville and Doohan, on Hondas, were involved in a battle that saw them exchange places

nine times. Although Doohan could have

allowed Criville to take second and

stops and finished 0.049sec in front, It was a fitting climax to a season dominated by the rivalry - and

occasional conflict - between them. With two races remaining, Criville's performance guaranteed him second place in the championship, the best position recorded by a Spaniard. "It would have been nice to win at home, but Checa went really well," Criville

SWIMMING

BOA puts an end to drug-test challenge

By Crarg LORD

THE British Olympic Association (BOA) has dropped plans to appeal on behalf of Nick Gillingham, the swimmer denied a bronze medal in the 200 metres breaststroke in Atlanta after the disqualification of Andrei Korneev - the Russian who returned a positive drugs test - was overturned by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Gillingham described as

"nathetic" the BOA's argument that the pre-Games agreement all the competitors had to sign obliged them to adhere to any decision of the CAS and deprived them of any right of appeal. Gillingham. fourth in the final, said: The CAS report clearly indicates that at a Games where we were told technology would catch all cheats, the Russians have got away with it by staying one step ahead of the Medical Code." Korneev finished third in

the final. He then tested positive for Bromantan, a substance used by at least three other Russians in Atlanta, that is said to be a psychostimulant that helps to reduce feelings of fatigue.

The CAS overturned the disqualification of Korneev on the grounds that the evidence about the properties of Bromantan was "not sufficient to establish" that the drug was covered by the Medical Code of the International Olympic Committee to the "high degree of satisfaction necessary".

However, its own report appears to point in the opposite direction. It describes the circumstances surrounding the use of Bromantan as "suspicious", accepting that there was "covert use" of the drug before the Games and that Russian scientific papers "would reasonably lead a scientific reader to the conclusion that the substance possessed stimulant qualities".

It also notes that the Russians denied taking Bromantan even after tests had proven otherwise and states that "in view of the probability that Bromantan can be indeed classified as a stimulant, its use should be discontinued forthwith".

in a letter to Gillingham, Dick Palmer, general secretary of the BOA, says that the swimmer's fate was "an indirect effect" and that the judgment is "not open to direct

Fatigue takes its toll of all the Presidents men



JOHN HOPKINS

TV Action Replay

7 ith sniffer dogs and secret service men and limousines that appeared to stretch from Washington DC to New York City preceding an appearance by President Clinton, and talk of how Arnold Palmer had toyed with the idea of entering polítics, the Presidents Cup. from Lake Manassas in Virginia, on Sky Sports over the weekend began to resemble an American election campaign more than a golf match for a cup that does not contain

an apostrophe in its title. Fortunately, the electioneering talk never got so far as to suggest Palmer for President, though Arnie did briefly consider politics 30 years ago. an idea as daft as suggesting that Clinton, a modest 15-handicapper, should turn pro-

The Presidents Cup turned out to be a golf event modelled on Ryder Cup lines, between the best professionals from outside the United States. excluding Europe, and the best Americans.

Bruce Critchley and Ewen Murray, the commentators, work hard at the banter between them, putting us in mind of Peter Alliss and the great Henry Longhurst many years ago. Critchley is Longhurst, the urbane bon viveur type. Murray is Alliss, a hardened former professional, whose knowledgeable views are formed while peering through a haze of cigarette smoke and presented in a gritty, down-to-earth way that suggests that his background did not involve public school.

Of the sports shown on television, it has always seemed that golf has been one of the best. The primary colours are captured brilliantly and the cameras can zoom in close enough to read the manufacturer's name on a

Furthermore, golf has the natural longueurs necessary for commentators to display their plus-handicap knowledge of the game. There are even occasional darts of humour. Sit comfortably and compleasure of paying admission and tramping around for 412

players and seeing little more than the occasional stroke. For all these advantages, BASEBALL

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BASKETBALL

however, the sport is not without its disadvantages. The excitement of a match can be hard to follow amid a welter of images.

On the screen is an excellent close-up of Nick Price hitting a long iron to a green. With a bit of luck, a graphic has told viewers which hole it is and what the score is. Suddenly, the picture changes to another player putting on another green on another hole. Immediately you need to know. who is this, what is he doing, how does he stand? Often, the commentators were not able to keep pace with the changes. At one point during the

foursomes on the first day, Ken Brown was talking about the difficulty Corey Pavin was going to have with the next shot because his ball had a speck of mud on it.

This will accentuate the spin and make the ball's flight less predictable," Brown said authoritatively. The trouble was that it was not Pavin's it was Mickelson's, his partner.

peaking as a golf writer Open sponsored by Murphys, I admit that highlighting mistakes by others is a dangerous business. Perhaps one should suggest that these and other faur pas were the result of sheer hard work.

When David Livingston signed off on Friday night saying they would be back the next day at 7.00am he was so tired he could not tell his am from his pm. Equally surely, it was fatigue or jet lag or both that caused Murray to talk during the first series of foursomes about how no matches had reached the 18th green — and five minutes later to have to acknowledge that two matches had gone to that green in the morning's four-

These and other solecism beg the question: why did Critchley, Murray and Brown have to put in such arduous stints with the microphone in their hands - five or six hours each day? They deserve a long-service medal.

MOTOR RALLYING: FLYING FINN LEAVES CHASING PACK STUCK IN THE MUD

TOMMI MAKINEN, of Finland, moved closer to being crowned world champion after mastering atrocious conditions to build a comfortable lead on the second day of the Rally of Australia yesterday. After heavy rain in the

seventh round of the championship, organisers had to cancel two stages when four of the first six cars were stranded at a river crossing.

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Makinen sailed through un-scathed in his Mitsubishi, however, and will become

Kenneth Eriksson, of Swe-

lmin 22sec. "I was driving thatfilled his car with smoke because of the amount of

Makinen speeds towards first championship

today.

world champion for the first time unless positions change during the third and final day "I don't understand why the

others aren't faster," Makinen said, after opening up a lead of quite safely, smoothly and

den, one of only two drivers with a mathematical chance of depriving Makinen of the title, forced his Subaru into second place ahead of the Ford of Carlos Sainz. That was despite stopping in the river on the fourteenth stage, then running into electrical trouble water it had taken aboard.

McRae, having already seen the world championship he won for the first time last November slip away, had another disappointing day. He chose the hardest available tyres, but that meant his Subaru had no grip at first and he skated off into the bushes on a fast, muddy righthand corner for a few seconds in the afternoon.

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SPORTS LETTERS

More serene surroundings

From Mr Russell Raiph

Sir, It was with some trepidation that I purchased a ticket for the NatWest Trophy final. My reasons were twofold. I. Any Essex supporter following the county's recent one-day fortunes must have realised that the form book would have needed to be substantially rewritten for Essex to have

any chance of victory. 2. The conduct of some of the people attending the final left a lot to be desired and drew comment from Alan Lee in his report (September 9).

From attending the final and watching highlights of other prestige cricket matches it is fairly obvious that the authorities seem prepared to tolerate unacceptable social behaviour at such fixtures in return for substantial gate receipts. Are there other cricket devotees who believe that speciators can still be part of a big match atmosphere, celebrate their team's success and

appland good play without resorting to banal chanting?

one of sour grapes from an Essex supporter after the final on an albeit poor surface. However, I congratulate Lan-cashire. They are a formidable one-day side, who clearly prioritise their cricketing ex-pertise at the expense of the four-day variety, but who fully deserve their success at Lord's.

somewhat misguided. be near last weekend.

Blot on Lord's

ground to the cricker.

Into the glorious and unique vista the committee wishes to insert a tasteless and vulgar construction, strongly resembling a cartoon character's teeth.

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into the Dunblane tragedy

For my part, to have paid E32 in the hope of watching a

cricket match turned out to be future I'll settle for watching selected days of county championship matches in more serene surroundings masses I had the misfortune to

From the Rev R. A. Mason Sir. As a member of MCC for over 25 years, I write to urge my fellow members to defeat the committee's proposal for a new media centre at Lord's (report, September 7).

One of the greatest attractions of the ground is its intimate and rural feel and to that feeling the beautiful sweep of trees visible at the Nursery End is a main contributor. Indeed, for a member seated in the pavilion the sight of the trees over the Compton and Edrich stands forms an almost perfect English back-

We are told that the media centre must be placed behind the bowler's arm, but the media, like all of us, can judge the movement of the ball not

This letter may be viewed as team's abject display in the

well-contested and enjoyable

Yours faithfully, RUSSELL RALPH, 132 Fourth Walk, Canvey Island, Essex.

quate and that unless they

become exemplary before the

World Cup in 1999, great

shame will fall on MCC and

Lord's Ground. It is possible

that the media facilities need

refurbishing, but to construct

an ugly new media centre at

the most sensitive visual point

on the ground will bring

greater and more lasting

shame and ridicule on all

concerned.

Yours faithfully.

R. A. MASON.

Prittlewell Vicarage,

489 Victoria Avenue,

Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

from the television monitor. The television camera, sited between the Compton and

Edrich stands, has never been a problem and could continue From Ms Amelia Jane Taylor to provide idea! "bowler's arm" viewing to the media wherever they are situated. The committee further argues that facilities for the media at Lord's are inade-

and Marketing, September 11). now rivals in the female game! Further, how many men

have noticed that one of their Yours faithfully.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They should include a daytime telephone number,

Clay shooting under threat

From Mr M. Gurney-Berrett near Abendeen. Sir. If Lord Culien's inquiry

recommends a handgun ban, not only will handguns be affected but also shotguns, as used in clay pigeon shooting. Both the Government's and the Labour Party's proposals

to the Cullen inquiry include measures designed to severely restrict access to shotguns as well as handguns. These pro-posals include the reclassification of shotguns as Class I firearms under the Firearms Act and the banning of the ownership of shotguns for people who live within city boundaries.

These proposals, as with a handgun ban, would do nothing to prevent crime and would effectively destroy clay pigeon shooting as a sport. To use Class I firearms requires access to a Ministry of Defence approved Class I range. There are only two Class I ranges in the country that have facilities for clay pigeon shooting, one at Counte Martin in Devon and the other

Most existing clay pigeon ranges could not be brought up to Class I standard and would have to close. In addition, most clay shooting enthusiasts live in urban areas and so would be prohibited from owning shotguns under the

proposals of both parties. Your article on clay shooting (Sport for all, September 2) demonstrated clearly why people go shooting and wish to own guns, be it shotguns. rifles, handguns, or in many cases all three, and that is because it is so enjoyable. The cost of such legislation would be considerable in terms of the loss of jobs, businesses and our sporting heritage simply to appease public opinion. The effectiveness of tightening the gun laws as regards crime or another Dunblane tragedy

will be exactly nil. Yours sincerely, MARK GURNEY-BERRETT, 46 Wolfreton Lane, Willerby.

Woman's game

Sir. As a keen participant in rugby union embarking on her eighth season. I read with interest "Why women don't make the back page (Media

A fellow player, who is also a cricketer, told me that it is due to women that overarm bowling was introduced; because of their petticoats they could not bowl underarm. It could therefore be argued that they created their own version of cricket and that men are

favourite sporting magazines, Rugby World, has a female

AMELIA TAYLOR 13 Colehill Gardens, SW6.

Change has failed

Hull, East Yorkshire.

From Dr Valerie Goldberg

Sir. The minimum number of overs to be bowled each day in the county cricket championship was reduced this year from 110 to 104. If the object was to reduce the amount of overunning, it appears to have

For example, on a recent day at the Oval the "32 overs remaining" mark was not reached until 4.10 even though the match started at 10,30 and tea should have been taken at

Perhaps we have reached the stage when the authorities should either consider playing penalties as well as financial otherwise we may well go down to 90 overs a day or less. or they should encourage counties to play more spin

Yours faithfully, VALERIE GOLDBERG 6 Hollycroft Avenue,

Wembley, Middlesex.

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T Makinen (Fin, Missubeth: Lancer) 3hrs thins; 2, K Enleson (Sive, Subern Impress) at time 22sec behind; 3, C Samz (Sp. Ford Escort Cosworth) 1:53; 4, C BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Bearing stoke 10 Mechany 3, Carotti 8 Swindon 4, Guiddord 1 Bracknell 2, Kingston 2 Apr 15, Nevosatio 12 Tofford 1; Notragham 11 Potentorough 3; Shelfield 8 Sofford 1. SHOOTING BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 86 Crystal Palace 74; Manchester 76 Lecester 72; Hismel and Watlord 82 Thames Valley 116; Worthing 54 London 81. RINGSTED, Denmark: European fly-weight championastip (12mds): Jesper Jensen (Den, holder) ist Keth Knox (Scot) BISLEY: International Pistol Matches: Centre Fire: 1, Army 2.802 (E Feldmans 666); 2. England 2,775 (P Clark 512) DES BREWERY LANCASHITE LEAGUE Donton West 282, Denton St Law 187. A STATE OF THE STA RUGBY UNION Courage Clubs Ash 25; Lienhezert 18 Merthyr 28; Nerberth 11 Pyle 52; Ponarth 22 Tredeger 15, Tenby Uld 19 Builth Wells 5; Tondu 32 Rumney 27 Champlonship Tennents Championship First division Bath First division 40 Heriot's FP 25 Jed-Forest Heriot's FP: Triest Lang, Proctor. Cons.; Ross 2 Pens: Ross 4, Jed-Forest Tries: Brown, Campbell, McKanchle, Middleton, Cares: McKenchie 2 Pens: McKenchie 2. 66 London Irlah Hertequins: Tries: Corcoran 3, Jenkins 2, Saples 2, Wood 2, Cornolly, O'Leary Cons: Carling 3, Corcoran, Perc Corcoran, London Irish: Try: Flood, Con: Humphreys 35 Currie Meirose: Tries: Brothersone, Broughton, Nichol, Turnbull Cons: G Perler 3, Pene: G Parler 3 Currier Thy: Officer, Con; Donaldson Pens: Donaldson 4. Cilhon 3 0 0 3 47 132 0
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ppg, 1dg), 46: A Pascock, (Moriey, 9c, 9pg),
48: I Morgan (Redruth, 11, 1c, 12pg), 41: P
Morrie (Lydrey, 46, 11pg), 58: R Zong
(Harrogetis: 6c, 9pg), 56: C Reymond
(London Welsh; 1c, 6pg, 3dg). Northsimpton 29 Bristol 11 Stirling County 3 Hawick Northernoton: Tries: Bifal, Bell, Greyson, Rodber, Pene: Greyson 2 Dropped goet Greyson, Briefolt Tries: Corry, Corlery Core Burks, Pene: Burks 3. Strling County; Pen; Esteon, Hawick: Pena: Waish 4, Watsoniana 44 Beroughmuir 14 Watsonians: Tries: Kerr 2, Garry, Lee. Cons: Hodge 5, Pens: Hodge 3 Boroughmuir: Try: Wylle. Pens: Kright 2, Albert. 12 Laicester Orreit: Tries: Navior, Severamutto, Corc Bobca Laloester: Tries: Greenwood, Heck-ney, Potter, Corc J Liley. Pans: J Liley 4. Pilkington Cup P W D L F A Pts.
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NC) 50:09. Doncasier Wheelers (Blyth,
North Nottinghamehire, 25m), 1, G. Platte
(Coalville Wheelers) 50:01 (event record); 2,
P. Jessewski (JE. Jennes HT) 51:23; 3, T.
Horton (Helitax RC) 52:37 Team: Coalville
Wheelers 2:37:58. West Cheshire TTCA (Chesler, 25m); 1, P. Whittall (M. Halton)
53:18 (event record), 2, A. Shesier (Mid.
Shropshare Wheelers) 53:93; 3, S. Ward (Birkenhead North End CC) 54:32. Team: Mid.
Shropshare Wheelers 2:47:31. Mid-Devon
CC (Chudleigh, 25m); 1, A Lyonts (Plymouth
Corrollhan CC) 54:25. 2, A. Whiterbottom (Weitington Wheelers) 54:49; 3, S. Bastord
(Mid-Devon CC) 56:25. Wigan Wheelers
(Garstang, Lancashire, 25m); 1, A. Gales
(Team Rapude) 55:4, 2. C. Miller (Cleveleys
RC) 55:52. Team: Team Rapide 2:49:35. Hyde
Olympic CC (Cranage, Cheshire, 25m); 1,
G. Weir (New Brighton CC) 55:12, 3, M.
Kaleley (Hyde Olympic CC) 57:11 Team:
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(Bicaster, 25m), 1, 7 Corr (Hennel Hempstead CC) 56:12; 2, L. Edwardes-Evens
(Sydersham Wheelers) 57:38; 3, N. Hay
(Catinot CC) 58:50. Team: Sydersham
Wheelers 2:56:33. Stone Wheelers (Stone,
Statifortishue, 25m); 1, A Fanel (Westmead
Team 88; 56:34; eq. 2, B. Tinskey (Team
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Bourton (Oxford Chy RO) 58-42, 2, G Farrow
(Jachworth Velo) 59-05; 3, J Donon
(Coverny RC) 59-27 Tasam: Curcle Velo
303:48 Border CA (Farrhern, Surrey,
20m) 1, A Dawson (Amelope RT) 45-06; 2, 1
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(Charlotteville CC) 46-04 Team; Farnham
RC 223:44 Tour of the Burns Country
(Ayrshine, 17m); 1, J Gledwell (Gelinburgh
BC) 38-14; 2, S Dulf (Johnstone Wheelers)
38-44; 3, J Cusick (SS Moderna) 39-59 Norwich CA (Brandom, Sulfoli, two-up 14 5-m);
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M Adams and I Brown (King's Lynn CC)
32-17; 3, M Minchin and Agamon (Amy's
Lynn CC) 33-33 Nothingham Carenton (Tuxtord, 10m); J G Plattis (Cookulle Wheelers)
19-52; 2, D Sweeney (Rockingham Forest
Wheelers) 19-55; 3, I Dallon (Cherny Valley
RT) 20-50. Team: Coalville Wheelers
102-52. Byrnea CC (Abercast, Powys,
10m); J Prothard (Oympie Sport) 20-32; 2, C
Watlands (Hinestiffery and Desnic Wheelers)
19-51; 107-17 Thomas (Oympie Sport) 20-32; 2, C
Watlands (Firwester Wheelers) 10-54, R
Western TTA (Devizes, 10m); 1, J Bohln
(CT Navacia) 21-49; 2, R Scont (Somet
Valley CC) 22-10; 3, M Potter
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Wheelers) 32-30. Memory 32-32; 3, B Watker (GS Metro) 3-36-32; 3, B Watker Notingham: Tries: Royer 2. Tomerson 2. Cons: N. Carroll 3. Pen: N. Carroll Newcoede: Tries: Armstrong 4, Andrew. Archer, Byth, Chatch, Nescalle, Underwood, Weir, Wikinson Cons: Andrew 7 Ebbw Vale 21 Neath MANCHUSTER: National Track championships: Olympic Sprint: 1, City of Edinburgh RC (C Hoy, P Jacques, C MacLean) 47 155sec (champonship record): 2, Harlow CC (J Taylor, 5 Wellsoe, M Wingworth) 48,573; 3, CC Lancashire M Feirisbugh, N Campbel, J Ouesally 48,616 50km madison: 1, S Lillistone (N Wimil Velo) and B Steel (Team Chilwell) 38pts: 2, R Hayles and R Williams (Team Ambrasile) 34; 3, J Clay (Team Crange) and P West (Middindge CHT) 33 Women's Sprint: Final: W Everson (Parker International RT), bit M Hughes (Campan Parahon) 2-1. Bronzae: R Airstone (CC Sewante) bit M Ward (VC Versa) 2-2 Moraine (Featherstone RC): 3, 5 Bray (Team Energy) all same time Moray Firth CC (South Loch Ness Trophy, 45ml: 1, J McIntyre Righland Carnors) 1 52/22: 2, 4 Winght (GS Corsa) at 5sec; 3, M Miller (Glasgow RC) at 27sec. Lesgue International (Bakewell, 30m): 1, R Bisckburn (Cyclesport International) 12/4 00; 2, S Hotsley (Team International) 3, J Watson (Tyne Velo) all same time. Ebbw Vale: Tries: Jotreys, Marchail Con: Hayward Petrs: Hayward 3: Neeth: Tries: Jones, Taylor Con: M Williams. Pen: M Williams Third division Glasgow South 9 Kirkcaldy Rickmond 64 Rotherham Richmond: Tries: S Quinnell 3, Mason 2, A Moore, B Moore, Daves, Falon Const Mason 8 Per: Mason Rotherham. Tries: Easterby 2, Miller Con: Inman. Pens: Inmin 7 65 Nemport Clasgow Southern: Pent: Consey 3 Kirkcaldy: Tries: Committers, Dewer, Jerdine, McKenzie, Thomson, Cons: J Mischell 3, Pent: J Michell 2. Lincolf. Limination: Trium: I Jones 2, G Evans, I Evans, John, Moon, Morris, N Davies, Wyatt. Const. S Jones 5, Newport: Try: M Llewellyn. R Hayles and R Williams (Team Ambrosid)
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(VC Vertia) 2-0.

TOUR OF SPAIN: Eighth stage (220km,
Marbella to Jeréz de la Frontera), 1, N Manail
(It, Gewiss) Shr Sprint Street; 2, Elombard
(It, Potti), 3, J Biljevers (Holl, TVM), 4, F Balclato (It, MG): 5, L Jalabert (Fr. ONCE); 8, A
Guerebes (Sp. Euskar) all same lume
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Todd turns tide with unexpected victory

From Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent IN CHERBOURG

TONY TODD'S Dubois 50. Eagle, which won the Round the Island Race this year and took Class I and overall CHS honours in the 1993 Fastnet, finished off the Royal Ocean Racing Club season with a convincing Channel Handi-cap win in the Solent to

Cherbourg Race this weekend. Eagle was second across the finishing line in the outer harbour here early on Satur-day, behind Johnnie Caulcutt's old Whitbread maxi Maxima, followed by Richard Balding's elegant Swan 59, Dark Swan, and Derek Waiter's First 42s7, Pointe North.

Despite carrying the fading north-north easterly breeze all the way to the finish, Caulcutt was demoted to fourth on corrected time, with Dark Swan second and Pointe North third. For Todd it was a particularly happy and unexpected win, coming at the beginning of his stag weekend and following some probably unprintable celebrations organised for him on board Eagle before the fleet left the Squadron line on Friday

This was the stag weekend. We didn't expect a victory but we'll take it like men," Nigel Musto, who was among the crew, said. Like all the other boats in the 33-strong fleet, the team on Eagle had found the flagging breeze frustrating. It started north-north west as the yachts headed out towards the forts with the sun setting behind them, but then swung more north-easterly once they were offshore and spinnakerreaching across the Channel. "It was just on the edge," Musto said. "Sometimes it would go, sometimes it

wouldn't. Another few knots of breezê would have been a real blast. But it was easy calls all the way through." After sailing under clear skies with a marvellous starscape, complete with shooting stars and satellite traces, the trickiest part of the race was the

entrance into Cherbourg itself. Apart from the earliest finishers, the bulk of the fleet found themselves approach-ing the Fort De L'Ouest at sunrise with a strong east-going tide running and the breeze diminshing, just when

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some of them needed to make up against the current. At least two crews got it wrong and took what must have seemed an age to creep up against the tide, as the competition sailed in and up to the finish inside the outer harbour.

As Stuart Quartie, who was navigating and calling tactics on Don Moreton's Hum-phreys one-off, Old Mother Gun, said: There were really only two issues; when you put in your westing and how you actually approached Cherbourg. The key thing was not to be too far east."

The CHS Class 2 winner was Martin Pearson's Dehler 33, Ruthless, with Tony Cox and Sarah Jane Cook's Stuart 36. The Red Dragon, first in Class 3. Peter Rutter's Andrieu 30. Quokka, took the honours in Class 4. Several yachts in the running for overall first prize for the RORC season were not at the start on Friday but none lost their top position as a result.

In CHS Class I the Bashford Howison 41s surrendered the top spot to David Walters's 139, Jackdaw, with the BH41s Hawk, owned by Nige Bramwell, and Wolf, owned by Glynn Williams, second and third. Class 2 was won by David Geaver's east coast-based J35 Fiona VII, with Stephanie Merry's Hum-phreys 34, Roller Skate, first in Class 3 and Quokka first in Class 4. In the IMS divisions Hawk took division A, with Fiona VII winning the B group. In IMS C The Red Dragon best Tom and Vicky Jackson's everlasting Sunstone, which stopped racing after the Commodores'

Cup.

It has been a good season for the RORC with two chal-Malham, in May, when twothirds of the fleet retired after beating for hours into a 30-KNOT NOTEN-EASTERLY AND A SITT ilarly blowy Solent to Le Havre race at the end of August, when only It boats

The latter stages of the season, however, have been overshadowed by the death of the RORC committee member, Duncan Munro-Kerr, who fell off his yacht, Trocar, during the Cowes-Rotterdam Race in August. Munro-Kerr. whose body was found three weeks later, was buried at the



Gianni Bugno, of the MG team, leads briefly during the Tour of Spain. Nicola Minali, of Italy, won the ninth stage from Jerez to Cordoba yesterday while his countryman, Fabio Baldato, retained his overall lead. Results, page 37

Boys schooled in weighting game

By JOHN GOODBODY

WEIGHT categories are commorplace in so many sports that it is curious that they have been tried so rarely in rugby union. For young boys learning the game, it seems sensible to organise tournaments in which youngsters are divided not only by age but also by weight.

Beeston Hall Prep School,

in Norfolk, yesterday staged just such a seven-a-side event, the success of which can be judged from the fact that the 28 competing schools came mom as ter away as som Boys were split into two categories: under 7st and under II, and under 9st and under 13.

The weight limits have been increased from 64 stone and 812 stone this year because prep school boys have increased in size since the tournament began in 1990. Its popularity has demonstrated that it fulfils a definite need. Ray Milner, the assistant secretary to the English Schools' Rugby Football Rugby Football

Union, said that some prep schools have expressed concern when their boys come up isi. "monsiers".

"You can occasionally get an older boy who is very strong and mature and he could cause damage," he said. "We are very conscious of the need for safety."

The exceptionally mature boy can also be detrimental to the team ethos - what Milner terms the "give-it-to-Joe attitude of the rest of the side".

When boys get older, many of the bigger ones stop growing so fast," he said. "It is at prep schools that the prob-

lem seems to occur, and we are looking at weight catego-ries with interest."

John Elder, the headmaster and master in charge of rugby at Beeston Hall, near Cromer, said: "It is important that boys feel confident about playing the game, confidence means so much. There are, therefore, no excuses in a tournament like this that you are playing against giants."

He believes that staging a

evens competition on the dry pitches of September is more valuable for teaching game than if it were held in "The whole idea of rugby is

to handle the ball," he said, "It also helps schools to look at their potential before they start the 15-a-side game."

Since Beeston have lost only three first XV fixtures in the past two seasons and yesterday beat Edinburgh Academy 24-0 in the under 9st / under-13 final, it is clearly a policy that works.

One Beeston Hall boy who was unable to play yesterday was Andrew Robertson. He is

only 12, but weighs 94 stone. He was not annoyed. "The rules are good, it gives more boys the opportunity to play rugby," he said.

Austin Jessop, a referee yesterday and the master in charge of rugby at The Leys, in Cambridge, makes the point that, in adult rugby, a 12 stone scrum half, as he was, would still be two-thirds of the body weight of an 18 stone prop forward. However, in schoolboy rugby, a 5 stone scrum half would be only half the weight of a 10 stone forward. "You can get one verv large boy who will s

the whole game," he said. Campbell Patterson, the headmaster of Edinburgh Academy, said: "The safety aspect is critical, but, in addition, of all the sevens tournaments in which we play, this is the one where the purest rugby takes place. People come down from Scotland for this event for that reason and because it is such a friendly competition."

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Wembley gets ground for optimism

was in severe danger of being consigned to the dustbin of history. The grand old stadium, for most of the century the holy grail of English football, was looking increasingly shabby. Its creaking infrastructure was more suited to meeting the needs of spectators in the 1920s than the 1990s. The England football team found itself playing internationals in a curiously passionless, half-empty ground.

It was all a far cry from Wembley's glory days - the White Horse Cup Final, when a lone policeman cleared an overenthusiastic 120,000 crowd from the pitch in 1923; the Olympics in 1948; and Wembley's crowning moment, hosting the World Cup final of

For the first time since it was built, Wembley's right to call itself the home of football was coming under fire. English clubs were imaginatively rebuilding and renovating their stadiums to meet the require-ments of the Taylor Report. Plans for rival stadiums were being drawn up across the country as ambitious city councils sought to attract leading sporting events.

To compound Wembley's embarrassment. the holding company that owned the ground was teetering on the brink of bankruptnadir, the change is cy. The management had embarremarkable' on an overelaborate ex-

pansion spree in the late 1980s, buying every-thing from catering facilities to discos. When the recession hit, the company found itself with £150 million of debt it could no

longer service. In a desperate

attempt to escape from trou-

ble, the company set an unflattering corporate record by issuing 5.5 billion shares. At the beginning of 1995 Wembley resembled a lowerdivision football club; run by descredited management and only kept allost by the support of the company's bankers. The company had failed to pay a dividend to its shareholders since 1992 and had not made a

profit since (990. The minaround since the nadir of the stadium's fortunes has been remarkable. The old management led by the longstanding chairman, Sir Brian Wolfson, has left to be replaced by a tough, no-nonsense board with experience of mounting corporate recovery.

A deal with the company's bankers has enabled Wembley to cut its debt drastically. The share price has been steadily rising and, on Friday, the company announced its first profit for six years.

3.40 see facing page

4.45 (1m) 1. Decorated Hero (I. Detion, 9-1); 2, Hi Nod (14-1), 3, Jarah (14-1), Hai's Pai 4-1 iav 11 nan 41, nk J Cosden Tote: £10.30; £2.70. £5.00 £4.70 DF £57.90 Tho £274.90 CSF. £117.03 Tricast: £1,641.62.

5.15 (6) 1. Sharp Hat (I. Dettori, 6-1). 2. Petite Damanuse (9-1). 3, in Good Nick (14-1): 4, Plan For Profit (9-1) Kaen To Please 11-2 law. 16 ran. Hd, 1¼1. R Hannon Tote 55.10, £1.60, £2.90, £4.10 £2.00. DF: £27.50, Tho: £808.20. CSF £80.99 Tricost. £704.47.

Jackpot not won (pool of \$13,871.92 carried forward to Nottingham today).

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2.15 (7f) 1. Star Of Zitzel (A Clark, 10-1);

2. Grand Musica (5-1), 3, Piease Suzanna (12-1), Celestial Key 4-1 lav. 8 ran NR. Law Contression 29, 13, M Stoute. Tote: £10.90, £2.60, £1.40, £3.00 DF. £23.10 Trio: £74.80, CSF. £55.33. Tricast £431.55

2.45 (1m 2l) 1, Singspiel (C Asmussen, 11-10 (av), 2, Wall Street (9-4); 3, Farasan (9-2), 4 ran, 11, 8l M Stoute Tote; £1 80 DF £1.70, CSF £3.64

3.20 (6) 1, Clan Chief (A Clark 8-1), 2, Indian Relative (25-1); 3, Osgi (13-2 fav), 4, Scissor Ricige (33-1) 21 ran, NR. Golden Pound Na, bd J Amold Toter 710, C1.90, E9.00, C2.40, E4.40 DF-E382.90, Trio, E838.00, CSF C174 97 Tricear £1,286.83,

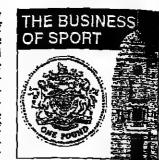
3.55 (2m) 1. Great Esselby (J Farming, 10-1); 2. French by (4-1 fav); 3. hor's Futter (9-1) 13 ran. Nk. rk. W Storey, Tole: 214 00: £3 40, £1 60, £3.90 DF. £33.20 Tho £418.80. CSF £49.27. Theast £356 73.

4.30 (fm) 1. Home Alone (R Hovin, 16-1). 2. March Gras (4-6 fay). 3, Hibernete (6-1) 9 ren. 31, 31, J Gosden, Tote. £17 70; £2.60, £1.10, £2.00 OF; £11.60 Tric: £28.90, CSF; £28.78

Placepot £983.80.

Quadpot £132.20

Goodwood



The financial recovery has been matched by the return of the Wembley roar as full houses watched England's progress in the European championship. Wembley's new-found confidence has resulted in ambitious plans for redevelopment that have been submitted to the Sports Council as Wembley battles with Manchester to become the site of the new national sports stadium and win £100 million

of lottery funding.
The new £170 million stadium complex designed by the leading architect. Sir Norman Foster, includes a piazza behind the stadium, bigger than St Peter's in Rome, where crowds can watch sport on a giant video screen.

The stadium can be turned 90 degrees to face north/south, curing the television shadow problem that has ruined many a Cup Final game.

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The famous twin towers will be moved to form a gateway to the stadium and seats inside the ground will have personal video screens so that speciators can watch action re-

plays. In short, Wembley is aiming to create an environment suitable for hosting the World Cup finals in 2006 and even the Olympics in

Wembley's case has been strengthened by its growing experience of handling leading sporting events. The Atlanta Olympics have shown that the quality of facilities is only part of running a successful tournament. It also needs to be supported by military-style organisation. Wembley has proved that it can efficiently handle the leading matches in the European championship and, just as importantly given this country's unhappy track

record, salely. The company has also been providing advice abroad — to French authorities of the 1998 World Cup — and is part of the consortium bidding for the Sydney Olympics in 2000. When the Sports Council finally makes its decision later this year, with all due respect to Manchester, it should be Wembley that rejoins the premier league of world sporting

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TODAY

FOOTBALL FA Carting Premiership Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday (8.0)

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ANON INSURANCE CONSTINATION: First division: Chelses v Cardif (at Kingstonans FC, 7:0); Oueers Park Rangers v Cristal Palacis (at Harder Bonough FC, 7:0), Swindon v Tottenham (2:0).
PONTINE: LEAGUE: Parmer division: Blackburn v Birmingham (7:0), Stoke v Oldham (7:0), Second division: Mansfield v York (7:0). CAPITAL LEAGUE Welling v Cambridge Utd (7 30).

CRICKET Britannic Austrance county championship 10 30, final day of four. 104 overs minimu CHELMSFORD: Exer v Sussex CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Surrey CANTERBURY: Kent v Hampshira UXBRIDGE: Mich. Ser v Sommer

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP rand day of three) Belper Meadows: Derbysher v Northamptonsher. Trent Bridge: Nothinghamshire v Gloucestership. Taunton: Somersel v Yorkshire. Barnt Green: Worcestershire v Glamorgan.

OTHER SPORT RACING: Formel (2.15), Notingham (2.0) SPEEDWAY: Premier Laegue: Exeter v Belle Vue (7.30), Reading v Bradlard (7.30), Wolverhampton v Scotiich Monarchs (7.30),

TOMORROW FOOTBALL,

POOTBALL,

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second devialent Westhern v Bristol Rovers (7-30).

GOCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: Barnskey v Glängham (7-45): Brenticro v Bardoum (7-45): Buy v Crystal Palace (7-45). Charlton v Burnley (7-45): Fulham v Ipswich (7-45). Huddersheid v Colchester (7-45). Lincoln v Marchester City (7-45): Lincoln v Marchester City (7-45): Lincoln v Derby (7-45): Oldham v Trainmete (7-45): Port Valov v Certisle (7-45): Person v Totterham (7-45): Scarborauch v Lexester (7-30). Sociepon v Shuffield Utd (7-30). Warbord v Sunderland (7-45) v MADDHALL CONFERENCE: Path v House (7.30). Warford v Sundortang (7.45) VALDRHALL CONFERENCE: Bath v Hayes (7.45). Bromsgrove v Albincham (7.45): Douer v Stough (7.45). Haffar v Staylondge (7.45): Rushden and Damonds v Farriborough (7.45): Southport v Northment (7.45): Teleford v Keitering (7.45) SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round: Dunden v Aberdeen (7.30): Dunfermine v Partick (7.30); Hearts v Cabo (8.0)

RUGBY UNION WELSH LEAGUE (7 0) First division: Swansea v Pontypridd, Second division: Abersynon v Cross Keys: Abersynon v Cradiff Institute; Blackwood v Llandovery, Maesteg v Aberitiery; South Wales Police v Pontyppiol, Ystradgynies v Bonymann. OTHER SPORT RACING: Sandown (2.15), Yarmouth (2.35) WEDNESDAY **FOOTBALL**

POOTBALL
COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: Samet v Wost Ham (7 45): Blackpool v Chelsea (7 45): Bristol City v Botton (7 45): Coversty v Birmingham (7,45): Everton V York (7 45), Leeds v Dafringhon (7 49, Middlesbrough v Hereford (7 45), Nottingham Forest v Wycombe (7 45), Sheffield Wednesday v Cottord Utid (7 45): Southampton v Peterborough (7 30) Stoke v Northampton i 7 45): Samdon v Queens Park Rangers (7 48): Wimbledon v Portsmouth (7 45)
VALDCHALL CONFERENCE: Morecombe VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Morecambe v Gateshead (7.45).

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Founth round: Rangers v Hiberman (7.45) RUGBY UNION

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Biodgend v Dunvant (7 15), Caerphilly v Llonelli (7 15), Cardill v Ebbs Vale (7 15); Neath v Newbordge (7 15), Newport v Treorchy

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Crystal Palace v Bermingham (80): Themes Valley v Derby (80) European Cup: Verona v London (80) RACING: Beverley (2 10), Sandown (2 15), and Yarmouth (2.0) and Yermouth (2.0) SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hull 1 Peterborough (7.30) Long Eaton 1 Bradford (7.30) Poole v Sheffield (7.30) TENNIS: LTA salelile tournamen (Britannisco)

> THURSDAY CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four) Derby: Derbystime v Durham Chelmsford: Escan v Glamorgan Bristol; Gloucestershire v Kont Southampton; Hampshire v Nothinghamshiro Leicesters Leicestershire v Middlesex. Northampton; Northampton-shire v Yorkshire. The Onal: Surey v Woodstander How, Sussin v Somerat. Edgbaston: Warnickshire v Lancashire OTHER SPORT

BCX0NG. World Boxing Organization light-middleweight championship: Ron-aid Vinght (US, holder) v Steve Foster (Safford) (in Manchester) FOLESTRIANISM: Bleriam Horse Tres. GOLF. Loch Lamond World Invitational RACING: Ayr (2.10), Lingfield Park (2.20), Yannoum (2.30). SPEEDWAY: Premier League: London v Oxford (7:30); Middlesbrough v Bradford (7:30); Shefflaid v Covenity (7:45) TENNES: LTA satellite tourrem

FRIDAY **FOOTBALL** MATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Ipoxich v Chartion (7.45) OTHER SPORT

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RACING: Ayr (2 th, Huntingdon (2.20),

SPEEDWAY: Premier Lieugue: Colord v Essbourne (7:30): Peterborough v Swin-clor (7:30): Conference Lengue: Peterborough v Sheffield (7:0)
TENNIS: Devis Cup: Euro-Airlicen zone: Group threat: Great British v Egypt (Wimbledon), LTA exterite lournament (Biruenhand). SATIRDAY

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

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Leeds v Newcastie: Liverpool v Chelsea,
Middlesbrough v Arserel, Notlinghom
Forest v West Harr; Shelfield Wednesday v
Derby, Sunderland v Coventry
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Bredlord v Botton; Garmstoy v Oxford Utd,
Manchester Cay v Birmingham; Oldham v
Bernsley; Portemouth v Norwert Ousens,
Park Rangers v Swindon; Reading v Crystal
Palace; Southouth v Norwert Cousens,
Park Rangers v Swindon; Reading v Crystal
Palace; Southouth v Norwert Stackpool v
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Strinwishur; Bournmouth v Notic Country,
Bristol City v Walsalt; Burv v Luton;
Cresterfield v Burnley; Gillingham v Rothertam, Mithaell v Creine, Plymouth v Bristol
Rovers, Wadord v Peterborough; Winscham
V Preston; Wycorrub v Brentland, York v
Stackport Third division: Bamer v Exoter;
Brighton v Torquay; Cambridge Utd v
Scarborough; Cardin v Northempton, Caslisto v Derlington; Chester v Scarborough; Cardin v Northempton, Caslisto v Derlington; Chester v Scarborough
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Lincoln
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V Haltar; Kettering v Southport; Macclossfield
v Barth, Sough v Hedneston; Stalybridge v
Northwest; Stevenage v Bransgove,
Welling v Tellord; Wolang v Rushdon and
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RUGBY UNION Kick-off 3 D unless stated

IRISH INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPION. SHIPS: Murster v Connecht (at Cork); Liber v Litrator (at Pavential, Boltsa). SHIP'S BUTSER V COTTECTI (at COTTS)

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COURAGE CLIES CHAMPIONSHIP:
First divisions Bristot v Hartequins,
Gouceste v Bath (2 15); London Irch v
Sale, Northampton v Orrell, West Hartepool v Saracens Second divisions Bedlord v Richmond; Coverthy v Welsellact
London Scottish v Waterloo; Nasseley v
Nottengham, Newseate v Blackhoeth:
Potherham v Rugby Third division: Easter
v Hamogale, Pylde v Waterl, Havert v
Cithon; Leverpool St Helens's Mortey, Ottey
v Rednutt; Reading v Lydney; Rosslyn Pork
v London Welch; Whorleddia v Leeds.
Fourth division north; Smargham/Solinuli
v Stoke-on-Trest: Kendal v Manchester;
Lichfield v Numester: Winnangton Park
v Herstord Frouth division Grozehoppers v Sheffield; Sandal v Aspotina;
Stouthridge v Worcester: Winnangton Park
v Herstord Frouth division south: Berking

v Plymouth; Berry Hill v Newbury; Chariton Paris v High Wycomba: Chellenham v North Walsham; Heriley v Camberley; Metopolitan Police v Advisors; Westonsuper-Maris v Tabard.
WELSH LEAGUE (2:30) "Rink division: Bridgend v Neath: Dumwant v Pontypridd, Ebbw Vale v Newport; Lianetti v Swarsses, Newbridge v Carditi, Troorchy v Caerphilly Second division: Aberlikey v Aberghorn; Bonymaen v Carditi firstitula: Cross Keys v Landovery; Meested v Aberavon; Pontypool v Blackwood; Bouth Welos Polico v Ystraddyynlais

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Tronnish Tris ChumPronish Rr. Rink division; Boroughmur v Mehose, Hawick v Webconians; Heriotis FP v Sirling County, Jod-Forest v Currle, Second division; Biggar v Kolso, Gisagow HK v Edmburgh Academicals; Gisla v Dundee HSPP, West of Scotland v Glesgow Academicals; Third division; Arkeeldy v Musseburgh, Pebles v Klimanvock; Preston Lodgo v Gisagow Southern, Slewart's Mehille FP v Setuni, Fourth division; Ayr v Haddington, Corstorphene v Grangemouth, Hillhead/Jordannilla v Glennothes; Langholm v Discionisme.

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser Lasgue: Cerby v Hernel Hempstead (7:30), Liciosser v Crystal Palace (7:30); Birmingham v Sheffield (7:30); Thamos Valley v Worthing [8:0).

EOUESTRIANISM; Blenheim Horse Triels (Glagow)
ICE HOCKEY: Superinague: Nottingham
v Basingstoke (7.0): Shaffeid v
Manchester (7.0): Bracknell v Cardill (6.0).

RACING: Ayr (155), Carlisle (1.40). Catterick Bridge (2.20), Market Rasen (2.10), Newbury (1.40), Wolvernampton (7.0) SPEEDWAY; Premier League: Covenny v Eastbourne (7:30). Contempo League; Swindon v Eistbourne (7:30) TENNIS: Davis Cup: Euro-African zone: Group three: Great Betaln v Egypt (Wimbledon), LTA satelite tournament (Birkenhead).

SUNDAY FOOTBALL FA CARLING PREMIERSMEP: Totlenham

V Lacester (4 0)
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE First division:
Stoke v Huddersfield (1.0) FLUGBY UNION COURAGE CLUBS CMAMPIONSHIP: First division: Wasps v Lalcester (al Loitus Road, 3 0)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser Leegue: Shot-field v Chester (5.30), Leopards v Newcastle (7.0), London v Manchester (7.15) (7.15) EQUESTRIANSM: Blumhown Horse Trials.

GOLF: Softeen Cup (SI Pierre, Chepstew) Loch Lomond World Invitational (Glesgow) (Glesgow)
ICE HOCKEY: Superlengue: Ayr v
Basingstole (6.0); Newcastle v Shettleld
(6.30); Manchester v Backnell (6.0).
Cardii v Notingham (6.0). Cardill v Notanghem (5 U).
MOTOR SPORT: Auto Trader RAC Touring
Car Champborship (Brands Haich)
TENNIS: Dawls Cup: Buno-African zone:
Group three; Great Britain v Egypt
(Wimblodon) LTA satelide tournament

SATURDAY'S RACING RESULTS 5.00 (1m 2f) 1, Refrects (A McGlore, 10-1); 2 Opelette (9-2); 3, Pasternak (3-1 lav), 12 ren, Hd, hd. J Gosden Toll: 214 30; 23 10; 12 40; 21 90; DF- 122 10 Trio: 527 70 CSF 552 27. Doncaster Going: good to firm 2.00 (6) 1. Magical Times (K Falion, 7-2), 2. Tombs (11-1); 3. Young Blowg (3-1 fav) 6 ran NR: Bold African 254, 46, R Boss Tole: E4 20, E1-30, E3-90, E1-30 DF, E28.40, Trio. E50.80 CSF £25 98 5.30 (71) 1. Polly Peculiar (Mise) Marshall, 10-1); 2 Embarkment (11-4); 3 Serious Sensation (2-1 lay) 17 ran. 5 1 lsl. B Smart. Tote: £12 30; £2.10, £1.60 £1 50. DF. £16.10. Tric £0.60. CSF. £37 44

2.30 (1m) 1, Gladys Athorne (A Mackey, 12-1); 2, Impulsive Air (25-1), 3, Pride Of Pendle (15-2), 4, Anonym (33-1), Hewksley Hill 5-1 law 25 ran Nk, nd. J Eyre. Tote: £10 50; £24.0, £5 00, £1.90, £10.90. DF £225.20 This: £1,801.40 Tricast £2,264.82 Placepot: \$78.90. Quadpot 29,00. Bangor 3.05 (5) 1, Easycall (M Tebbutt, 5-1); 2. Compton Place (9-4 lav); 3, Deep Finesse (5-1) 7 nsn 1 hl, 1 kl B Meehan Tota: c9 40, c3 40, c1 90. DF: £10 40, CSF £16.35

2.10 1. Danny Gale (7-2), 2. Country Minstel (40-1), 3. Follow De Call (100-1). Elemal City 8-11 lav. 8 ran. 2.40 1. Sonic Star (4.9 fav), 2. Will O'The Rags (2-1); 3. Lettle By Little (33-1), 4 rant 4.15 (1m 25 60)d) 1, Chitton Fox (D. Harrison, 10-1), 2 Angus, G. (5-1), 3, Billy Bushwacker (10-1); 4, Mentalasanythin (16-1) Nnia 7-2 tax 17 ran NR Moving Arrow Nk, 16-1, 3 Giover Tote £12.00; £270, £1.60, £2.30, £3.20, DF: £22.40, Tric. £95.80 Tric. £274.90 CSF: £82.68 Tricast £502.50 3.10 1, Star Market (7-1); 2, Samralian (9-4 lav), 3, Red Valerian (5-2) 7 ran. 3.40 1. Warner's Sports (4-6 tev); 2. Delinite Maybe (5-1); 3, Rent Day (40-1). 5 ran.

4.10 1. Silverdale Kriight (B-1); 2. Flying Green (5-2), 3. Bath Knight (25-1). Sheath kelaah 2-1 lav 11 ran. 4.40 1. Belliroi (9-2), 2, First Grack (7-2 (av), 3, Plinth (9-2), 14 ran Placepot £230.90. Ouadpot £12.20 Sedgefield

1,50 t. What's Secreto (11-tû lav): 2, Haughlon Lad (16-1); 3, Saldah (5-1) 10 2,20 1, Field Of Vision (7-2); 2, Robsera (100-30), 3, Fatehalkhair (6-5 lav), 8 ran

2.50 1, The Gallopin major (2-1 tsv). 2. Stargue Fort (S-1): 3, The Blue Boy (7-2) 5 ran NR Upwell. 3.25 1, McGregor The Third (2-1 (i-tav); 2, Rebel King (6-1); 3, Nocatchim (7-1) Magic Bloom 2-1 (i-tav 8 ran. NR-Notable Exception. 4.05 1, Go-Go-Power-Ranger (4-1), 2, Cottage Prince (15-2); 3, Prefude To Fame (2-1 fav) 15 ran.

4.35 1, Strong John (4-1); 2, Sues Leaf (6-4 tay); 3, Bolaney Girl (16-1) 9 ran NR Twin Falls. Placepot: £4,40.

Quadpot £3.80. Worcester 2.25 1, Minnesote Fats (7-2 p-lav), 2. Corrin Hill (7-1), 3, Galloomg Guns (25-1). Wordsmith 7-2 p-lav 11 ran NR: Athenian Alliance.

2.55 1. Mister Blake (12-1): 2. Lear Dancer (6-4 fav); 3, Saltis (40-1), 11 ran 3.30 1, Tartan Trademinds (7-2), 2, Maggots Green (3-4), 3, Royal Vacation (11-8 lay), 4 ran NR Certain Angle. 4.00 1, Heldridge (11-4 II-lav). Wadada (11-4 II-lav): 3, Prerogative (15-2) 7 ran, NR: He's A King, Trumper, 4.35 1, Celibate (11-8 tav), 2, Heresthe deal (7-2), 3, Mr Conductor (11-2), 7 ran 5.05 1, Newer in Debt (\$3-1); 2, Maidhage (\$3-1); 3, Soler Moorr (12-1). Chief Gale 7-2 tav. 19 ren. NR: Benon Blade. Placepot 96,793.60.

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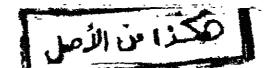
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RACING CORRESPONDENT. AT LONGCHAMP

RAE GUEST and Peter Chapple-Hyam achieved notable career firsts when they posted a group one double at Longchamp yesterday, but it provide the most valuable clues for next month's Prix de

Despite being only 80 per cent fit according to his trainer, Elie Lellouche, Helissio is now as short as 3-1 for Europe's premier middle-distance race after an authoritative pillar-to-post victory in

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SUPREME STAR (4.45 Fontwell Park) Next best: Superbit (3.00 Nottingham)

the Prix Niel, the fastest run of yesterday's three Arc trials. Pentire, carrying Teruya Yoshida's colours for the first time since being sold to the Jupanese owner, could manage only second behind the André Fabre-trained Swain in the Prix Foy — but there were no shortage of excuses for the

In a typically muddling French race, the five runners crawled for the first half-mile which persuaded Michael Hills to take Pentire to the front. The enterprising tactics looked like paying off turning for home, only for Swain to head Geoff Wragg's stable

star in the dash to the line, However, the fairytale finish of the afternoon involved the Prix Vermeille as My Emma headed the Luca Cumani-trained Papering inside the final 200 yards to



Helissio underlines his Arc claims with a convincing victory in the Prix Niel at Longchamp yesterday

provide Rae Guest with his first group one success. The 29-1 shot, who won a maiden at Newmarket in July, is a half-sister to Classic Cliche and runs in the colours of lan Matthews, who trained in

Newmarket for six years. Guest, who has 32 horses in training at Newmarket, said:

"When she won at Newmarket I said she would win the Arc next year. The plan today was to see if she was good enough. She will be put away now and go for the Arc next year."

While Chapple-Hyam is no stranger to group one success, Longchamp something of a doo in style yesterday when

jinx and had not saddled a winner at France's top course prior to yesterday. He has sent out several runners-up, in-cluding White Muzzle in the Arc, and Erin Bird was demoted after finished first in the appointing third. Prix de l'Opera two years ago. However, he ended the hoo-

Revoque extended his unbeaten record to three in the Prix de la Salamandre by three lengths from the Paul Cole-trained The West, with the much-hyped Zamindar a dis-

The victory, achieved in a decent time, looked highly unlikely as the five runners

YESTERDAY'S LONGCHAMP DETAILS

2.40 PROX VERMEILLE (Group I: 3-Y-O filles: £105,402* 1m 4() 1, MY EMMA (C Asmuscen), 2, Papering (L Detiori); 3, Miss Tainti (O Pesier), 10 ran Hd, et nik. R Guest (GB) Parl-mutuel (inc 1Fir stake) 30 10, 4 80, 2 40 1 84

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1, HEUSSIO (O Pester); 2, Derazeri (G Mosse); 3, Redevore (T James; 10 ron. 14, 154 E Lefoucho Pen-mutuet: 1.80, 1 10, 140, 2 30

2.40 PROX DE LA SALAMANDRE (Group I. 2-Y-O colls and filles: DS2,701: 7) 1, REVCOURE (J. Refd), 2. The West (T Curni): 3, Zaminder (T. Jernet) 6 ran 3l, sh hd. P. Chapple-Hyern (QB), Pan-mutuel 3.10, 3.70, 7.10 DP 11.70

A.15 PRIX F.DV (Group III: colts and filles: £28,966, 1m 4f) 1, SWARN (T Jernel); 2, Pentire (M Hills), 3, Leeds (S Galido), 5 ran. ½, 3.
Trained by A Fabre, Parl-matuel; 2.00, 1 10,

Reid already riding vigorously while Zamindar and The West shared the lead.

going better and I was a bit worried turning for home as I was three lengths adrift and flat to the boards. I was half way up the straight before I felt him come to me and then he picked up really well and he flew," Reid said.

A strict line of form involving In Command, beaten by Revoque at York before finishing runner-up to Bahhare in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster last Friday, suggests the Chapple-Hyam-trained colt is every bit as good as John Dunlop's unbeaten youngster. However, Ladbrokes and William Hill are offering 10-1 against Revoque — double Bahhare's odds —

while Coral go 8-1. Helissio's emphatic success delighted Lellouche, who said: There is a lot of improvement left in him and the state of the ground is all the same to him. He has improved since July but was not 100 per cent today. He is a legitimate favourite for the Arc".

While the trio of trials traditionally provide several pointers to the outcome of the Arc, the jigsaw this year will not be complete until the Aga Kham decides whether to supplement Timarida, the enormously impressive winner of the Irish Champion Stakes on Saturday. John Oxx, trainer of the four-year-old filly, is keen

to go for the race.
Significantly, Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes said Timarida would be quoted at 8-1 if she is entered for the Arc. His firm go: 4-1 Helissio, 6-1 Zagreb, 7-1 Darazari, 8-1 Swain, Pentire, Classic Cliche, 16-1 Shaamit. William Hill offer 3-1 (from 11-2) against Helissio, while Cor-al go 7-2.

Cigar regains

CIGAR returned to an ecstatic reception as he bounced back from his surprise defeat in the Pacific Classic with a victory in the grade one Woodward Stakes at Belmont Park on

winning ways

The six-year-old lost the chance to beat Citation's record of 17 consecutive victories when second at Del Marlast month, but was never in any danger this time. Clgar, the 5-1 on favourite, won by four lengths from L'Carriere with Golden Larch another half a length back in third.
His trainer, Bill Mott, said
that Cigar will run next in the
Jockey Club Gold Cup at
Belmont on October 5, then

end his career in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Woodbine on October 26. Cigar's owner, Allen Paulson, confirmed that the horse is not for sale, despite a \$30 million offer from the Japanese.

Earlier, Montjoy, having his last race for Paul Cole before joining Ben Cecil in California, finished fourth to Diplomatic Jet in the grade one Man O' War Stakes over a mile and a half on turf.

Flawed whip rule mars vintage Leger

wholly unwelcome when the season's final classic went the way of the first As with Mark Of Esteem's victory in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket. Shantou's St Leger triumph was marred at Doncaster on Saturday when Frankie Dettori received a four-day ban for using his whip with unreasonable force and

With official phraseology like that, who can blame the untutored for presuming Dettori a wicked and recurring abuser of thorough-

Ironically, the Jockey Club's oft-debated whip instruction is supposed to convey the opposite effect. While the instruction has eradicated blatant whip abuse among less talented riders, its rigid application is now making a mockery of racing's showpiece events. A deep flaw has become evi-dent within the instruction yet the Jockey Club refuses

That flaw was exposed fully 15 months ago at Royal Ascot, where Mick Kinane, riding Grand Lodge, admitted to trading a riding ban for narrow victory in the St James's Palace Stakes. He said he had no choice but to persevere with Grand Lodge, who responded man-fully to a forceful ride.

The same was true more than four months ago, when Dettori rode Mark Of Esteem to win the 2,000 Guineas in a finish of bobbing heads. And the same will be true every time two jockeys are involved in a tight finish for a championship race.

On this occasion it was not just Dettori who suffered the consequences. Pat Eddery, who rode the runner-up. Dushyantor, also fell foul of the whip instructions and was banned for two days. This is the same man who incurred a similar ban for his riding of Eva Luna at York last month. To report that Eddery drew his whip "excessively" on Eva Luna is to portray him as a heartless en, yet Eva Luna posted a much-improved perfor-

mance three weeks later. In the St Leger, Eddery was confronted by a situation which left him no choice. Sent on before the final furiong after travelling strongly up the straight, Dushyantor appeared poised for victory until Shantou burst out of the chasing pack.
Dushyantor resisted

Shantou for all but the final 50 yards. With his mount's reserves draining. Eddery simply had to get to work. Dushyantor's entire season hang in the balance; to bow to officialdom would have robbed the horse of his very

Equally, Dettori knew from previous associations with Shantou that his mount's concentration is in-

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clined to waver. It seemed the jockey was pursuing a lost cause for much of the race, but Shantou, by now responding to Dettori's urgency, summoned the momentum to sweep past Dushyantor and post the first British classic victory for his trainer. John Gosden.

For too long Shantou has behaved like an errant schoolboy. This was Dettori's way of harnessing the delinquent — and it worked a treat to all but the rule makers at Portman Square.

As Gosden later testified, Dettori understands Shantou like no other jockey. "If he couldn't have ridden this horse we would have been in real trouble. I thought we'd be second inside the final furlong and then I could see the little horse digging deep. Frankie The horse only seems to run for him. He has got a reputation as a bit of a character but he looked pret-

ty brave to me." One interpretation of Gosden's comments is that he, along with all jockeys, demonstrates a contempt for the whip instruction: to be adhered to except when it suits to defy them. Another is that the whip instruction, which relies on the amateur ethos of fair play, has been usurped by the tide of professionalism.

Either way, the flawed whip instruction was responsible for soiling a vintage renewal of the St Leger. When the rules are openly flouted by professionals, the clear message is that they do not work.

BIG PACE RESULT

3.40 PERTEMPS ST LEGER STAKES (Group I 3-Y-O £174,688: 1m 6/ 132yd) SHANTOU b c Alleged - Shaima (Shorkh Mohammed) 9-0 L Defion (8-1) 1. Dushyantor b c Sadler's Wells - Storitty Denocrous (K Abdulla) 9-0 Pal Eddery (2-1 lev)

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ALSO RAN, 5 Morts (4th), 7 Gord, 8 St Mawes (5th), 10 Heron Island, 11 Sharal Natherr, 16 Wifawander (6th), 18 Flying Legend, 50 Desert Boy 11 ran NR Gerkenwell Nk, 41, 394, 194, 294, J Gosden at Newmarket Tote £7 10; £2.10, £1 50, £5 10 DF £3 10 Thortize 70 CSF* £23 41

Timarida may earn Arc place By OUR IRISH RACING

TIMARIDA looked one of the most improved horses in Europe when routing the opposition in Saturday's Irish Champion Stakes at Leop-

Already a group one winner in the United States and Germany this season. Timarida exuded class in a slowly-run race when acceler ating from last to first to beat Dance Design and Paul Kelleway's Glory Of Dancer. The Derby winner, Shanmit, finished only fourth after a troublesome passage in the straight.

"It didn't go well," Shaa-mit's jockey, Michael Hills, said. "He loves a good pace and there wasn't any. I was in a pocket when they sprinted in the straight and this track is quite sharp so I couldn't get going in time."

Shaamit's disappointed trainer. William Haggas, said: "He will run again this season, either in the Champion Stakes or the Arc.' In contrast, John Oxx has a

string of international engagements to choose from for his filly but, in the post-race cuphoria, there was also speculation that Timarida could be supplemented for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. One certainty is that Timarida will be retired at the

end of the year. The winning owner, the Aga Khan, said: 'We wanted to win a group one with her this year and, while after this the temptation is to keep her in training, she will be retired to stud."

Eveningperformance, how-ever, did keep the flag flying For the visitors when making all to land the group three Flying Five.

4 00 IRISH CHAMPION STAKES (Group I 590,300, 1m 2l)

FLAT LEADERS **TRAINERS**





NOTTINGHAM 3.30 Another Nightmare 4.00 Life On The Street 2.30 Rasmussen 3.00 Hemilton Gold 5.00 Lady Of Leisure

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 THE GAY FOX. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 ALISURA (nap). 4.30 Teraab,

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 CARLYON HANDICAP (£2,381: 2m 9yd) (20 runners)

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4.45 COWFOLD SWIMMING POOL NOVICES HURDLE

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Ayr's fast ground goes against Samwar

Cup fancy, may miss the race. Because of the prevailing dry conditions in Scotland the second favourite, priced at 7-1 with William Hill, is not certain to make the trip.

Trainer Gay Kelleway yesterday said:

"Samwar is unlikely to run if it stays fine. He'll go instead for the Ascot Rated Stakes the week

The Whitcombe trainer also has the top-

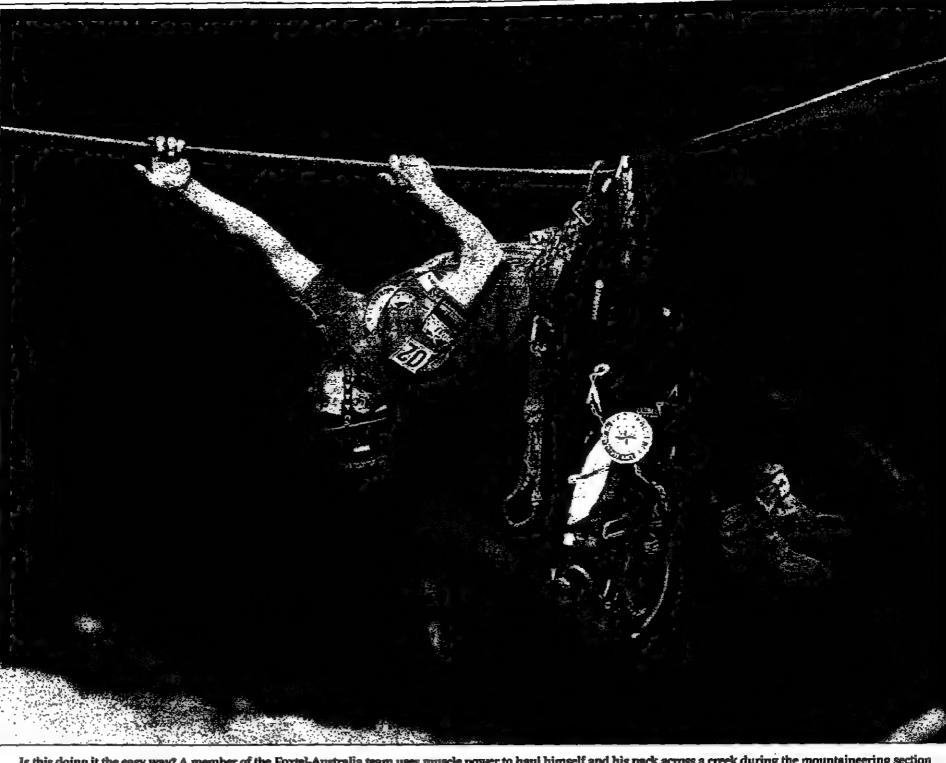
SAMWAR, a leading Ladbrokes (Ayr) Gold winning at Doncaster on Wednesday and will be rerouted to Italy for a group three race in Milan on October 13.

Richard Hannon's Wildwood Flower defeated Samwar last time out at Goodwood and the East Hendred trainer could not be more pleased with his filly, the stable's intended

runner in Saturday's race.
Wildwood Flower, a lo-l shot with William Hill, has improved with every race this season. weight, Anzio, in the Ayr feature but the gelding She looks set to carry 9st 2lb in the £75,000will not run after incurring a penalty for added sprint with the weights likely to rise 4th. Rebecca Stephens knows how to climb but needed canoeing, riding and biking for a real challenge



You could almost call it enjoying yourself



Is this doing it the easy way? A member of the Foxtel-Australia team uses muscle power to haul himself and his pack across a creek during the mountaineering section

have been. So when I found myself among a large crowd about to launch itself into a 330-mile orienteering charge across the wilds of Canada's Pacific Range mountains, at first I wondered what I was doing

The skills expected of competitors in this so-called Ecoadventure race - included canoeing, white-water rafting, riding, mountaineering and mountain-biking. Now admitbut until a couple of months ago I had neither canoed nor ridden my bike outside Fulham. I had ridden horses as a child but not enthusiastically. During the previous fortnight I had been lucky enough to find a superb riding instructress and been given a few lessons. White-water rafting (would have to leave to chance.

I felt as if I was entering exams without having done my homework, and on arrival at Whistler Resort in British Columbia I felt worse. This was North America and the majority of the 75 mixed-sex teams of five were American. Their collective confidence and sea of tanned, muscled legs disturbed me deeply. What's more, this was televised sport for the US Discovery Channel The Americans cheered, chanted and boxed the air in unison on command. We Brits just stood aghast.

I had been invited to take part by Dr Mike Stroud, the polar explorer, who had competed in last year's Eco-Challenge in Utah. Ours was an interesting team. As well as Mike's polar partner Sir Ranuiph Fiennes and old Karrimor mountain-running chum Dr David Smith, Mike had taken the unprecedented step of inviting his 70-year-old dad Vic. a retired industrial chemist as a sort of "thank you" for introducing him to the hills when he was a boy. His reasoning was that if Helen Klein, a 72-year-old American woman, could complete the course last year which she did), then there was no reason why Stroud senior a should not do the same.

he first leg was "ride and run". We had two horses between the five of us for a distance of 22 miles along the bank of the Lillooet River. If the night before I had winced at the enforced joviality of such an event, now I was revelling in it. At the start line were 150 horses and 225 runners, earlymorning mist heavy in the valley, mountains all around. The horses pranced excitedly.

This was thrilling. Vic and I got the horses and we soon found a rhythm. No r cantering allowed, just trotting. I felt guilty, of course, that I should be on horseback while the guys ran alongside, but then they liked running (so I told myself) and Vic and I had taken lessons especially. It was the best preparation I did. learning from an experienced long-distance rider who believed in expending as little energy as possible. Relax. that

the horses back to their wrangiers and to cross the Lillooet River. It was fast-moving and had that blue-grey opaqueness of a river that has flowed straight off a glacier. It was perhaps 60 yards wide. "Would you cross this," I asked myself, "even if there were something tantalising on the othe side, such as a pub and the promise of a cold beer?" The answer was clearly:

And yet we did. Mike, then Ran, then David, then Vic threw themselves in headlong with their rucksacks in their hands. When I plunged in myself, the cold stole my breath and on adrenalin alone struck frantically for the opposite bank. It was a while before I realised that something was amiss. The current had swept Vic downstream and in a flash Mike was after him, dragging him to the

shallows, near freezing. Ran put it well when questioned by the ubiquitous film crew. "Team dynamics?" he said, "they're great. Vic tries to drown himself and we don't have to do anything. Mike's in

there. Automatic." Hardly another word was spoken. Stoic stock, the Strouds. Finally it was time to hand

There was a brief respite. Each team had a support crew of two: in our case Mo, who had assisted Ran and Mike in various chilly wildernesses around the world, and her daughter Moira. They made a welcoming sight, bearing dry clothes and hot water for drinks.

The next leg was to take us into the mountains. A couple of days should crack it, we thought, and packed freezedried rations accordingly. Our rucksacks were heavy. The mandatory kit - radio, flares and smoke bombs - filled half a sack alone, then there were the sleeping bags, ice-axes.

djusting to our new loads, we climbed 2,000ft in blazing heat along a logging trail and into the darkness of

coniferous forest. We were lost almost immediately, by which I mean we were in dense undergrowth with no sign of anything resembling the promised "poorly flagged trail". This, we were to learn, was intermit-



A competitor checks his feet after mountaineering

THE winning team in this year's Eco-Challenge was Reebok Eco-Internet, a mixed bunch of New Zealanders. Australians and Americans, who completed the course in the staggering time of six days, 17 hours and 44 minutes.

In equal second place, joining forces to avoid injury, were last year's winners, Hewlett Packard and Hi-Tec Adventure, which included British competitor Adrian Crane, taking seven days, ten hours and 48 minutes.

Eco-Challenge 1997 is to be held in Queensland, Australia, in August. It will feature the same sports, plus bare-back riding. But teams will consist of four, rather than five and no support teams will be allowed.

For further information, contact the organisers at 9899 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 208, Los Angeles. California 90212. Tel: 00-1-310 553 8855. Fax: 00-1-310 563

antly to be the story for the following four days. But for moment we needed rest. We found the perfect spot: a below. We lay down our sleeping bags and slept. I kept

It was quite tough, this mountainous leg of the course. The forest was dense with slide alder - lethal on any sort of slope — and devil's claw. tacked bare and covered limbs indiscriminately. The climbs were steep, temperatures soaring to 40°C. But if ever Vic, as the old man among us, apologised for travelling slowly, we answered honestly that

were delighted. It was beautiful country. There were sweeping snow fields, meadows of lupins and hillsides thick with saxifrage, edelweiss and alpine asters. At the top of one such hill we learned that Helen Klein, back for another challenge, had sadly been forced to withdraw. But we were proud to be still going strong with a man who could now claim to be the

oldest player in the race. Our spirits were high. In the intense heat one day Mike turned, sweat pouring off his body: "It could almost be considered fun, this," he said, grinning broadly as another branch swiped him across the chops. Each person played their role. Ran, tall and strong, hurled himself at the undergrowth to make a trail for us to ollow. David's navigation led us precisely to a lone log on which to cross a river. And Vic continued to throw himself at scree slope, glacier and forest with an energy that belied his years, while Mike kept a

watchful eye.
We crossed many glacial streams. But the sight of Mike supporting his father as they crossed the flow of one stream together in the fading light aided by a ski stick, epitomised the spirit of the whole trip.

We arrived at the next checkpoint hungry and tired but elated. Little did we realise that the real fun was about to start. Mike had it all planned. Until now we had enjoyed the luxury of several good nights' kip. But if we were to make it to the next checkpoint on time, we must continue nonstop.

Canoeing was the next game. We launched two boats - two people in one, three in the other - into Downtown Lake at 11pm and canoed for four hours, around flotsam and over log boom, in the dim light of a full moon, then carried the boats for another three hours before launching them at dawn on a second, far longer stretch of water: Carpenter Lake.

We were on that lake all day. It went on, and on, and on, 50 miles in total. It was hot. We were tired and for the first time in my life. I hallucinated. We were all at it: elephants, cartoon Snoopies, you name it, they were there in the mountains and water all around us. I begged Mike for an hour's

wouldn't have it. So I went for a quick dip instead, which kept me awake for at least five when, that evening. Mike

declared once again that we should travel through the night, this time on our smart new mountain bikes. The hallucinations continued: bis polystyrene architectural models in the clouds this time. On several occasions, pushing my bike up an absurdly long hill, I woke myself up as I the morning enough was declared enough, and guiltily we collapsed for a couple of

And then it rained. The last stretch was about 30 miles on metalled roads, fortunately

SPORT

It was the last straw. I could sense his desperation that we

jumped out and attacked Mike's leg and with a heavy pack to unbalance him, he fell.

might never get there. We did though, at three in

the afternoon, only to learn that the organisers had stopped people going beyond this checkpoint at six o'clock the previous evening — earlier than had originally been scheduled. The weather was in part to blame. That was it. We could go no

further. It was a shamebecause the next section was the glacier and it would have been fun. But Vic could at least have the satisfaction of knowing that not only was he the oldest competitor, but that he didn't give up - unlike many teams went further than we did and of those only three teams completed the course in its original form. What's more. there were a good 40 teams of deeply tanned, muscled legs that came in behind us.

MARATHON

The race is already on to enter the 1997 Flora London Marathon on Sunday, April 13. Forms are available in the free magazine Marathon News, which is available from selected sports shops. Entries close on October 26,

Those who have run in the event in the last five years or applied to enter have received the magazine. Successful applicants will be notified in December. To find your nearest shop, phone 01925-417744.

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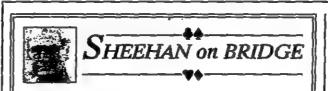
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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent What rubber bridge contract gives you 1,800? I scored it the other day in the £100 game at TGR's. I still went home two sticks the poorer. (In gambling slang a "stick" is £1,000.)

North-South game Rubber bridge



was North West's overcall of One Spade was sound - you don't need much in the way of high cards to intervene at the one level if you have a halfway decent suit. In particular, when you bid spades it cuts out your LHO's heart bid. Here, if West had passed I had an easy One Heart response. Over One Spade 1 had an awkward choice; some would bid Two Spades immediately. but I think that bid should only be used if you have no obvious alternative. Duplicate players will recognise that North has a standard negative double of One Spade, but at rubber bridge the double is for

After South's Two Diamonds I bid Two Spades as a general forward-going move. South's bid of 3 NT showed he had a full spade stopper, and a better than minimum opener. East's double was unwise if you accept that it is correct to overcall on West's hand. It was easy for me to redouble. I had clubs well held, and invaluable fillers in diamonds. The defence lost their way, so South made two overtricks (rather than one) - 1,800 to North-South.

D Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

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By Philip Howard

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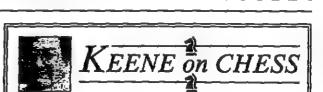
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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS COURESPONIENT

Amsterdam

The co-winner of the Donner Memorial tournament in Amsterdam was Vassily Ivanchuk, the powerful Ukrainian grandmaster. In the game that follows Ivanchuk source a blistering sacrificial win with a new idea in the double-edged Marshall Gambit of the Ruy Lopez. The Marshall Gambit, offering a pawn for aggressive black counterchances, has proved a serious thorn in the flesh for White players who wish to enjoy an untroubled initiative.

Ivanchuk's strategy here is cunning. First he chooses the apparently pretentious move 12 d3 (instead of 12 d4) and thus avoids the main theoretical lines. Secondly, Ivanchuk's 17th move Qfi helps to beat off the black attack and by move 27, the white queen is perfectly placed to tear into the defences

White: Vassily Ivanchuk Black: Ivan Sokolov Amsterdam, August 1996

Ruy Lopez 1 e4 2 Ni3 3 8b5 4 Ba4 5 0-0 6 Re1 7 Bb3 9 sxd5 10 Nxe5 11 Riesi 12 d3 a6 N6 Be7 15 0-0

Re1 a4 ax05 Rva8 Bd1 Ne5 Bd1 Ne5 Bd1 Od2 Oh6+ Oxn7-Bh6 Brg7 Od5+ Kg7 Qc7 Bxe5 Kl7 Bg7 Rg8 Rxg7 MM c4 bxc4 Bb3+ dxc4 Qe6+ Diagram of final position



The critical variation which tests White's attack came on move 30, if 30 ... Ki6 31 fig4 Bxh6 32 Qxh6+ K17 33 Re6 Rg8 34 g5 followed by 35 Bh5+ winning.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Weller - Hall, Glasgow 1964. Can you calculate Black's brilliant combination, which is based upon his strong bishop on g7 and his

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open lines on the queenside?

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Unlawful surrogacy payment does not preclude adoption of child

C. Petitioner

Before the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Allanbridge and Lord Dudement June 25t

There was nothing in the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 to suggest that a person was disabled from obtaini adoption order in relation to a child by reason of that person being unable to obtain a parental order under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 as he had contravened section 30(i)(c) of that Act, because money or other benefit, other than expenses reasonably incurred, had been given or received for or in consideration of the handing over

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held when allowing an appeal by Mr C and his wife against the making of a custody order in terms of section 53(l)(b) of the Children Act 1975 in their favour by the heriff at Dunfermline and their favour in respect of hoby X. Mr Peter Gillam for the petition-

ers and respondents: Mrs Elizaboth Jarvie, QC and Miss Charlotte Courts for the respon-

THE LORD PRESIDENT said that the child X who was the subject of the present proceedings had been born on March 30, 1495 to the appellant S as a result of a surrogacy arrangement which she had entered into with the petitioners. Mr and Mrs C.

X had been born at Kingstonmon-Hull and on the same day had been taken by Mr and Mrs C to their home in Scotland. He had remained in their care ever since.

In August 1995 the petitioners had lodged an adoption petition to which S had withheld her consent. After proof in February 1996, the sheriff at Dunformline had held in terms of section th(2)(b) of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 that S was withholding consent unreasonably and that her agreement to the order should be dispensed with under section lo(i)(b)(ii) of the 1978 Act.

He had also held that Mr and Mrs C had contravened section 51(1)(c) of the 1978 Act and section 30(7) of the 1990 Act because they had made a payment of £8,000 to

He had therefore refused to make an adoption order, but in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of X he made a custod order in terms of section 53(1)(b) of Mrs C with no right of access to S. S had appealed and Mr and Mrs C had cross-appealed.

S'v three grounds of appeal were: first, that the sheriff had erred in fact and law in finding that she was withholding agree-ment to the adoption of X unhaving decided to refuse to make an adoption order had erred in making a custody order; and third, that even if he had been entitled to award custody, she should have

heen allowed access.

The three grounds of the cross-appeal were: first, that the custody order was incompetent in the circumstances of the case; second. that the sheriff was in error in holding that the payment of ES,000 had been made in contravenium of section 51(1)(e) of the 1978 Act, and in any event in failing to authorise it under section 51(3) if it were contrary to section SI(I)(c); and third, that the sherill ought to have held that any objection on the ground of public policy which resulted from the making of the payment was outweighed by the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood, and that he should have made an adoption order so as to vest all parental rights and duties in relation to X in Mr and Mrs C and bring to an end X's relationhip with S.

approach described in Lothnin R. C. v A (1942 SLT 858) and had

Whether agreement unreason-The sheriff had followed the

applied the objective test defined by Lord Reid in A v B and C (147)

C (HL) 1290.

He had held that the appellant as a reasonable person would take account of a number of factors which were in favour of adoption. Thuse included the whole background to the maner and in particular the surrogacy

X over, when born, to the respondents. Thus she was in a sense responsible for placing the child with them. The sheriff had also taken into

wunt the fact that Mr C was the child's natural father, that he and his wife had had X in their care that X had bonded well with them. In the sheriff's view, the appellant would, as a reasonable parent, also take account of the fact that, all things being equal, a child was better served by two parents rather and Mrs C had a close, happy and secure relationship, whereas S was above. She would also have recognised that her own motives for refusing her consent were the result of thinking of herself only. For the appellant, it had been argued that that decision taken together with the custody order and the refusal of access to S made clared by the statutes to be unenforceable. She was an experienced mother who kept a good and tidy home and coped well with her four children.

In regard to the surrogacy arrangement, it had been argued that she had not been able to give her free and unconditional consent to the taking away of the child after its birth because of her distress.

In his Lordship's opinion, there support the decision that S had withheld her consent unreasun-ably. It was clear that the question had to be looked at objectively and that the test would be satisfied if no reasonable parent in all the circumstances would withhold agreement to the making of the adoption order. The first consideration for the

reasonable parent would be the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the chiki throughout its childhood. His Lordship could not improve on the observations of Lord Hailsham, Lord Chancellor, sheriff had been cuttled to hold that the factors were not equally halanced in regard to the home environment and likestyle which the parties could provide.

While the ability of S as a mother to her four children was not in doubt it was a fact that their father did not live with her and that he did not support the family She was also on state benefits.

had a secure relationship. There were reasons which the sheriff had identified for doubting the appellant's sense of personal respon-sibility: her past drug-taking, her new spaper in her desire to recover

The sheriff had held that she had

hed time and again throughout the surrogacy arrangement and that she had continued to conduct herself in that manner in the witness box. In the sheriff's opinion her whole approach towards recovering the child had been selforientated and she had totally closed her mind to the effect which that might have on the child His Lordship did not consider

For the appellant, it had been submitted that, having decided he could not grant the adoption order, the sheriff should have dismissed the petition and delivered the child hack to S.

Until and unless an adoption order was made. S continued to have parental rights in terms of section 2(1)(a) of the Law Reform (Parent and Child) (Soxland) Act b, as she was the child's mother. Further, the sheriff had failed to explain why it would not be in the child's best interests to retain some

contact with S and that he had placed undue weight on the poor relationship between Mr and Mrs C and S, which, in the circumstances, was bound to be a difficult For Mr and Mrs C it had been argued that a custody order was ant computent in terms of section 53(l)(b) of the 1975 Act. That was

because the court could only make

such an order where it was of the

opinion that it was more approprinte than an adoption orde It was clear from the sheriff's note that he had been satisfied that an adoption order was more ing from the requirements of section 6 of the 1978 Act In relation to access, there was nothing to show that that would be of benefit

The court had not been referred to any case in which a custody order had been made in proceed ings for adoption under section 53(i) of the 1975 Act.

There was considerable force in that, standing the sheriff's view that it would be in the child's hest interests to remain with Mr and however desirable that might otherwise have seemed to avoid the problems caused by the payments to S. to make a custody order under section 53(1)(b)

The sheriff had been right not to make an order under section 53(I)(a), but he could only make a order under section 53(1)(b) if, in all the circumstances, he was of the oninion that it would be more appropriate than the making of an adoption order. He had not held that the making

of a custody order was more appropriate. He could not have done that because by holding that

It was not open to him to hold that as between those two possible orders, which was the more

appropriate. For those reasons his Lordship considered that the sheriff had misdirected himself in law in concluding that he could make a custody order in terms of that provision in this case.

The surrogacy payment The sheriff's finding was that at the time of the handing over of the child to them. Mr and Mrs C intended either to seek a parental order in terms of the 1990 Act or to seek to adopt the child. That finding of fact provided the basis for the finding that the payment of (8,000) was an illegal payment in terms of section 30(7)(c) of the 1990 Act, and sections 24 and 51(1)(c) of the 1478 Act

His Lordship could find nothing in the 1978 Act to suggest that a person who was unable to obtain a parental order under the 1990 Act, as he had contravened section 30(7)(c) of that Act, because money or other benefit, other than expenses reasonably incurred, had been given or received for or in consideration of the handing over of the child, was thereby disabled from obtaining an adoption order in relation to that child.

In his Lordship's opinion, it was only where the payment contra-vened section 51(1) of the 1978 Act that section 24(2) applied and the court was thereby precluded from making an adoption order.

The fact that the payment contravened section 30(7) of the 1990 Act might give rise to an objection to the making of an adoption order on the ground of public policy; but there was no statutory bar, as the issue was one for the exercise of a discretion of the court.

While both Acts prohibited the making of payments, it did not follow that a payment which was for a purpose struck at by one Act was struck at by them both, it was necessary to examine the evidence with some care.

In his Lordship's opinion, the evidence of Mr and Mrs C read as a whole pointed clearly to the ments were made it was a narenta order which they had in mind as the means of obtaining parental rights when the child was born.

For those reasons his Lordship had a sound basis in the evidence for his view that the payment was struck at by both Acts.

Lord Allanbridge and Lord Weir delivered concurring opinions.

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THE TIMES

ed to consider the effect on the child of a custody order as opposed Direct debit instruction does not vest payer's rights in payee

Mercedes-Benz Finance Ltd

v Clydesdale Bank ple Before Lord Penrose

Undgment June (4) A direct dehit instruction did not operate to vest in the payer the rights of the payer under his contract with his banker whether by mandate or assignation. Further, the contract between banker and customer did not depend upon or reflect the view that the ba received and held assets transferred to him by the customer on trust for the customer or his

Lord Penrose, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held in an action of payment by Mercedes-Benz Finance Ltd against the Clydesdale Bank, excluding averments by the pursuers pleading a case based, first, on a direct debit mandate in their favour and, second, on an alleged trust constituted in their

Mr James Mure for the pursuers; Mr David Sellar for the

LORD PENROSE said that the action arose from claims by the pursuers for payment to them by the bank of sums received by G, a member company of a group which banked with the defenders, in connection with the sale of motor vehicles by G.

G had been employed by the pursuers for the sale of such

two agreements between the pursuers and G, vehicles were to be supplied on consignment terms, each vehicle remaining the prop-erty of the pursuers until payment

was received by them. in pursuance of those agreements, the pursuers had been authorised to obtain payments from G's account with the defenders by direct debit.

The group of which G was a member had experienced financial difficulties and in October 1990 the defenders had frozen the arrup accounts; at that time G's account had been in credit in the sum of EE19,479.09.

A separate account had been opened for G and other group companies with an overdraft limited to £100,000. G had continued to trade, utilising that new facility. It had sold, and been paid for vehicles in respect of which the iotal due to the pursuers was EI11.598.38.

The pursuers had intimated direct debit requests in that amount which the defenders had declined to pay. G pled that there had been about £40,000 available on the facility at that time and that G had lodged additional funds with the defenders so as to bring the bulance due within the limit. The defenders had declined to make the transfer to the pursuers and a receiver had been appointed

In the first place, the pursuers sought payment of £40,500, arguing that the direct debit instruction their favour and that intimation hy he pursuers to the defenders of instructions to pay had the effect of assigning to them the funds available to the account of G.

There was, it had been argued, a distinction between the contractual rights and obligations of a banker and customer inter se, and the assignative effect of a cheque which was reflected in the effect of a cheque drawn on an overdraft suam in favour of a party other than the account holder to operate the account for his benefit.

The mandate operated on the contractual rights between banker and customer, and was not dependent on there being a credit balance of funds held by the For the bank it had been argued

that that analysis was misconceived. A direct debit was no more than an instruction to the bank to make a series of payments for and on behalf of the customer of sums intimated by the payer. it was dependent, as was a

cheque, on the availability of funds payment fell due. There was no direct debit and a cheque or any

In his Lordship's opinion, the pursuers' claim was misconceived. There was no difficulty in characterising as a mandate in

rem suam the completion of a direct debit form and its presentation by the creditor to the debtor's

The authority to present the completed form to the debtor's bank had its legal basis in mandate. The intimation of the sum payable was in the hands of the creditor, but the instruction to pay remained the instruction of the account holder. The direct debit did not operate so as to vest in the payee any rights of the payer.

The right of the creditor was to mforce the debtor's obligation to him summarily by calling on the bank to implement the standing instruction of the customer within the context of and subject to the contract between customer and

The trust case The pursuers had also pled an alternative case for payment of

£77,212.18 based on trust. That claim was based on the contention that G had lodged the specific purpose of payment to the pursuers, that the defenders had accepted the sum on that basis and that the defenders accordingly became trustees of the sum for that purpose, It had been argued that the valid trust as set out in Clark Taylor v Quality Site Development (1981 SC 111) were suttesfied:

cash lodged with the defenders. The trust attached on delivery. The fund was dedicated to a defined purpose. The purpose of the lodge-ment had been discussed at the

The defenders were under no misapprehension as to the purpose for which the sums had been lodged with them. They knew the ce of the funds. They knew that the payment had been made because the direct debit had not been complied with. The only reason that the funds had been lodged was to ensure that they reached the pursuers.

For the defenders, it had been argued that they could not be liable without knowledge of the fiduciary relationship between G and the pursuers: Style Financial Services Ltd v Bank of Scotland (The Times May 23, 1995; 1996 SLT 421). There was no identifiable asset and the terms of the consignment agree ment did not assist the pursuers. There were insufficient pleadings of knowledge. There was no authority in Scots law other than in the context of agency for the application of trust principles to contractual relationships; Clark Taylor was conclusive on that

the requirements for the successful constitution of a trust in Scots law. could form the subject-matter of the trust, and it had to be dedicated to defined purposes for the benefit of a beneficiary. In his Londship's opinion, it was

not possible so to characterise the lodging of funds in a bank account. The banker did not hold sums lodged with him for the account holder or for anyone else. He received what the account

holder tendered in terms of a contract in terms of which he the extent of any credit balance on the account, with defined obligations which included the hunour ing of instructions to pay which In his Lordship's view, the

banker's act in paying the cheque or acting on any other instruction of the customer was the same whether there was a credit or debit balance on the account. Neither depended upon nor reflected the view that the banker

proper characterisation of the

received and held assets transferred to him by his customer on trust for the customer or his

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Law Report September 16 1996 Court of Appeal

Property charge includes interest

Ezekial v Orakpo

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice

(Judgment July 3)

When a judgment creditor obtuined a charge on a property as security for the judgment debt, the creditor's security extended also to interest on the debt even if interest was not expressly mentioned in the charging order.

Moreover, the amount of interest recoverable under the chargeing order was not limited by the Limitation Act 1980.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Ifoloma Orakpo, and allowing an appeal by the plaintiff. Freddy Jacob Ezekial, from a decision of Mr Justice Carnwath in the Chancery Division (The Times

Nuveraber 8, 1994). Nr Norman Primost for the plaintiff: the defendant in person.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that in August 1979 the plaintiff obtained judgment against the defendant for £20.733.27 together with taxed costs. In March 1982 the plaintiff obtained a charging order shortute on the defendant's property for the sum of £20,095.85, that heing the balance due on the

The charging order made no mention of interest due on the debt. In 1993, after an unexplained lapse of 11 years from the charging order and nearly 14 years since the judgment itself, the plaintiff applied for an order enabling him to enforce the charging order.

iudement debt.

According to the plaintiff's solicitor's calculations, in January 1990 the total sum owing to the plaintiff inclusive of interest was over £47,000. By September 1904, interest alone had reached over £42 (kit) and the total sum inclusive of interest was over £75,000.

The master had ordered that the plaintiff be given possession of the property, that the property be sold and that the conduct of the sale be committed to the plaintiff's Judge Rich, QC, sining as a High Court Judge had dismissed

the defendant's appeal against the master's order and leave to appeal The defendant then applied under Order 50, rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and section 3(5) of the Charging Orders Act 1979 to vary or discharge the

charging order on the ground that the judgment debt had been satisfied. The basis of his application was that he had tendered a sum of \$28.574.27 which was more than sufficient to satisfy the judgment debt but was not sufficient to satisfy the plaintiff's claim for interest and the costs of enforcing

the security. The defendant submitted that the plaintiff's charging order was security for the judgment debt only and not for interest or for the costs of enforcing the security.

the plaintiff could not recover more of section 24(2) of the Limitation Act 1980 which provided that no nterest in respect of any judgment dehi could be recovered after the expiration of six years from the date on which interest became due.

Mr Justice Carnwath had ruled: (i) that the plaintiff's security did extend to interest on the judgment debt even though there was no express reference to it in the charging order, but (ii) that the effect of section 20(5) of the 1980 Act was to limit the amount of interest that the plaintiff could recover under the charging order to six

The defendant appealed from the first ruling and the plaintiff from the second. The question on the defendant's

appeal was whether the charging order secured the payment of interest on the judgment debt even though the order contained no mention of interest.

His Lordship said that question was concluded by authority for two different reasons:

First, under section 17 of the Judgments Act 1838, interest on a judgment debt was attached to and formed part of the the judgment debt itself. The effect of the statutory provision that the debt carried interest of its own force was that the the interest was, as it were, attached to the judgment debt.

That was decided in Clagget, Exparte Lewis (1887) 30 WR 653) where the judgment creditor was held to be entitled to interest even though the only sum stated in the was the amount of the principal. It followed that there was no need to mention interest in the judgment itself or in the order carrying the judgment into effect, or in a charging order since the reference to the judgment alone

It was of course much better practice to include an express reference to interest so that the effect of the order was clear to the judgment debtor, but it was not

strictly necessary. Second, section 3(4) of the Charging Orders Act 1979 provided that the charging order took effect as an

equitable charge created by the judgment debtor by writing under his hand. It had therefore to be given the same effect, unless the Act itself provided otherwise, as would an equitable charge on the land to secure a stated principal sum but with no mention of

Such a charge would carry interest even though there were no words allowing interest in the charge itself. That was decided in Re Drax ([1903] I Ch 78]), followed by Stoker v Elwell ([1942] I Ch 243) where it was held that a charging over shares, not land, se rured interest which had accrued on the judgment debt since 1899.

So far as the costs of enforcing the security were concerned, his Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Carnwath's conclusion that the charging order must by the pro-visions of the statute be given the same effect as if it were an equitable charge under hand only so that the chargee would have the right in equity to add the costs of enforcing the security to the sec-

On the plaintiff's appeal, the question was whether the effect of the 1980 Act was to limit the plaintiff to six years interest prior to the application to enforce the

It was important to recogn what was the true nature of the plaintiff's application in 1993. He was not bringing an action upon the judgment debt which he had obtained in 1979 nor was he seeking to enforce execution of that judgment. He did that when he applied for and obtained the

charging order in 1982. In 1993 he was a secured creditor with the statutory equivalent of an equitable charge. He was taking action to recover what was due to him, not as a judgment creditor, but as a secured creditor.

He was in the same position as any other creditor with an equi-table charge which had been created in 1982 and which he wished to enforce in 1996. He had to apply to the court for orders for ion and sale, not because he was executing a judgment, hut because he needed an order for possession in order to effect a sale.

tendered the full amount of interest due, whether or not any part of the interest was statute barred. Likewise when a mortgagee sold the mortgaged property, he was entitled to retain all arrears of interest, whether or not statute barred, before accounting to the

mortgagor for the surplus. That had been decided in a long line of authorities beginning with Edmunds v Waugh ((1866) | Eq 418), followed by In re Marshfield ((1887) 34 Ch D 721), In re Lloyd (1903) 1 Ch 385) and Holmes Coucher (1970) 1 All ER 1224).

The basis of those decisions was that whether the mortgagor was seeking to redeem or whether the mortgagor for the surplus, the action to recover interest. He already had the mortgaged property or the proceeds of the security in his hands.

The 1980 Act contained nothing to reverse that line of authorities It was the judge's view in the present case that the chargor had to show that he had tendered enough to satisfy the debt and that he would not do that merely by showing that he had tendered enough to satisfy only so much as was recoverable by action. But the judge had felt constrained by the Court of Appeal's decision in Poole Corporation v Moody (1945) 1 KB 350) to reach the opposite

His Lordship said he did not find the decision in Poole Corpora-tion easy to understand. In his adgment, that case proceeded in unioriunate way on a number of erroneous assumptions and was inconsistent with an established line of authority which included In re Lloyd, a decision of the Court of

In his Lordship's judgment, Poole Corporation was decided per incuriam and ought not to be followed and the judge should have declined to follow it. Accordingly the plaintiff's appeal was

Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Phillips agreed.

Using drugs inquiry material

Regina v Thompson (John) Regina v Smith (Anthony) Material coming to light in an inquiry under the Drugs Traffick-

ing Offences Act 1986 could be used to inform the court of the seriousness of the offence for which the offender was to be sentenced and of the degree of his involvement in it but it must not lead to the offender being punished for offences for which he could not otherwise have been sentenced.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

Division (Lord Justice Hirst, Mr

Justice McCullough and Mr Jus-

tice foulson) so stated on July 31 in

allowing in part appeals by John Reginald Thompson and Anthony John Smith against sentences im-posed in April 1995 at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court (Judge Fabyan Evans) of concurrent terms of eight years and 12 years imprisonment respectively in respect of two counts of conspiracy to import cannabis resin. Confiscation orders were made against Thompson in the sum of £17,000. with 12 months imprisonment in

sum of £1.28 million, with 10 years MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that a DTOA hearing was akin to a *Newton* hearing ((1983) 77 Cr App R 13) where a defendant pleaded guilty to an offence on a basis of fact which the Crown did not accept. If, in such a hearing, evidence

erly be reflected in the sentence. Indeed that was the sole purpose of such a hearing. There was every reason to treat findings of fac made to the requisite standard of proof in a DTOA hearing in the



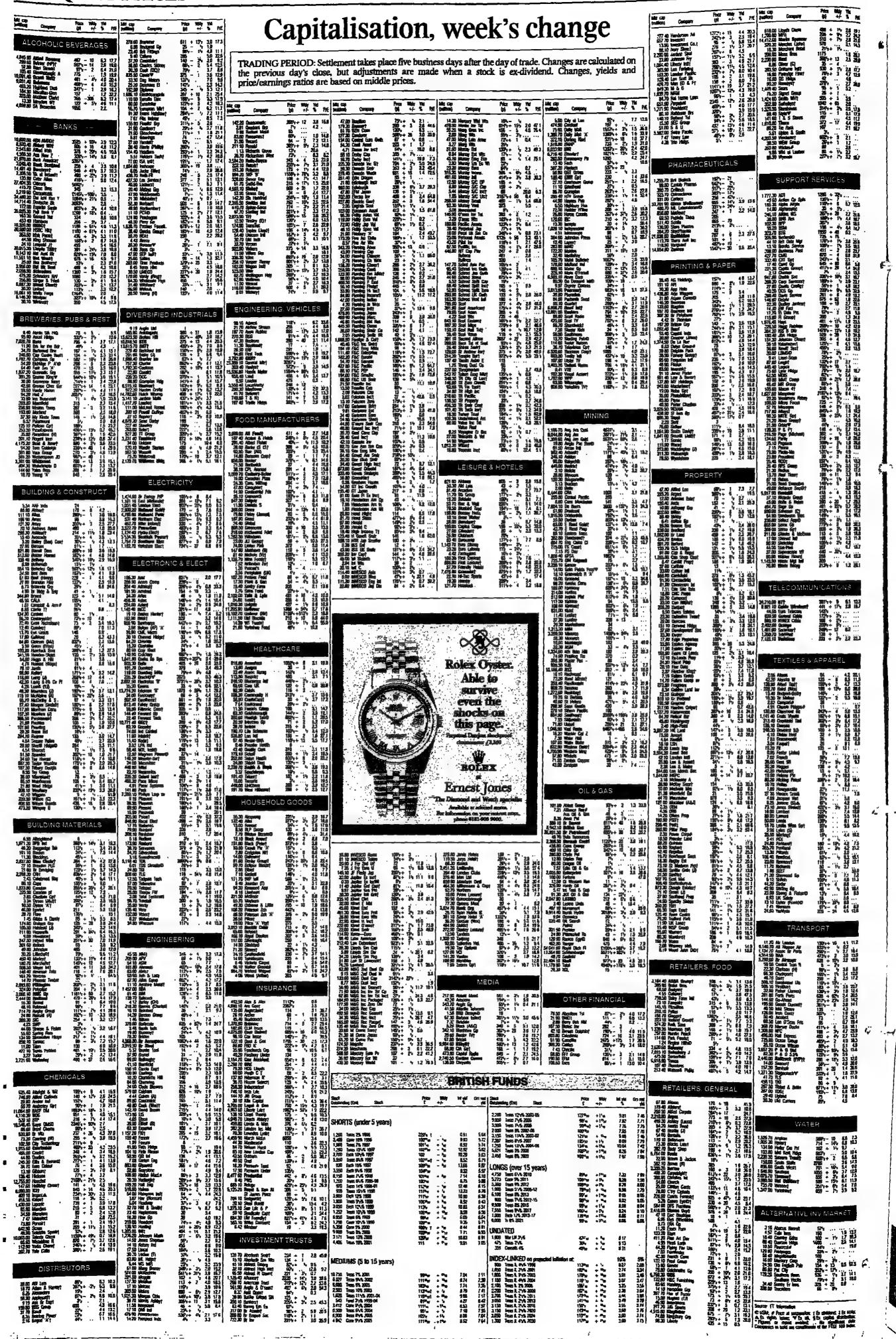
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tion from Quaker Oats should

have made a useful contribution to full-year figures out today. But

that and a maintained final dividend of 13p net are likely to be

the only positive things to emerge. Overall pre-tax profits

are expected to tumble from E93.7

million to £46 million with earn-

ings, already diluted by last

year's rights issue, collapsing

from 20.4p to 3.3p.

Even after adding back an expected rationalisation charge of

almost £50 million, compared

with £33.4 million last time, and a

BSE related stock writedown of

£14.4 million, profits will still be down from £125 million to £108

million. The Dalgery manage-

million to £133 million compared

continues to make acquisitions

having earlier this year bought

MORGAN CRUCIBLE: An-

other impressive performance is expected from the group when it

unveils half-year figures later this

morning. A rise in pre-tax profits

of about £6.5 million to £48.5

million is anticipated in spite of

being hit by the strike at General

Motors in the US and the fact that some of its markets remain

depressed. A 12 per cent rise in

earnings to 13.6p is being forecast and shareholders should be re-

warded with a 5 per cent rise in the dividend to 6.55p net.

RMC GROUP: Not much has

gone right for the group of late.

Brokers say a combination of

poor weather, the recession in

Germany, a further decline in

France and little sign of recovery

in this country should have all

combined to drag half-year figures lower when the group

reports on Thursday. Pre-tax

profits are expected to drop from

£130 million to between £90

million and £100 million. Earn-

ines will also be down from 31.10

to 19.2p, but shareholders are

likely to enjoy a 12p increase in

Stress taking its toll of managers

the dividend to almost 8p.

reduce the cost base.

for £65 million.

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Active Imaging, Amey, Arlen, Els Group, Eng-lish China Clays, Dinkle Heel, Fisher international, James Fisher, Norman Hay, Kynoch Group, Laporle, London & Manchester Group, Morgan Manchester Group, Morgan Crucible, Princedale, Sharpe & Fisher, Travis Perkins, Finals: City Technology, Datgety, Dorling Kindersley, Prolific In-come, Whittard of Chelsea, Economics: US Treasury auc-tion of short-term bills, EU agnculture ministers meeting. Bank of France discount T-bills auction and money market

TOMORROW

Interims: Abbot Mead Vickers. Asda Property Holdings, Brent International, BSG Inter-national, BSM, W Canning, Cassell, Claremont Garments, Cassell, Claremont Garments, EBC Group, Bernard Matthews, Meggitt, Meristem, P&O, Roxboro Group, Sears, Servomex, S&U, Taylor Woodrow, Tesco, Universal Ceramic, Vardon, Vymura, Watmoughs Holdings, Finals: Domestic & General HTP Japanese Small General, HTR Japanese Smaller Companies. Economics: August PSBR. Bank of England announces details of September 25 gilt auction. US August industrial production.

WEDNESDAY

interims: Charles Baynes, Bowthorpe, Britannic Assurance, British Biotech (q1), Hunting, Kwik-Fit Holdings, Next, Tilbury Douglas, Tracker Network, Wassall, Wolsten-holme Rink, Finals; Bryant Group, S Lyles, M-R Group, Towry Law. Economics; UK August retail sales. Minutes of July 30 Clarke/George mone-tary policy meeting. US July trade balance. French 1997 Budget presented to Cabinet.

THURSDAY

Interime: Albright & Wilson, Bilston & Battersea, Blagden Industries, Camas, Clinton Cards, Fired Earth, IBC Group, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, New Ireland Holdings, Rathbone Brothers, RMC Group, Sherwood Group, Spandex, Steel Burrill, Sun Life § Provincial Holdings. Finals: Alumasc Group. Economics: UK British banking groups' end-August monthly state-ment. UK provisional August M4 money supply. UK August new vehicle production. UK building sociaties monthly mortgage data. Bundesbank central council meeting.

FRIDAY

Interims: Atlas Converting Equipment, Estates & General Martin Currie Pacific, Pacific Assets Trust. Finals: Pizza Express, Thomas Walker. Economics: UK September



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Tesco to confirm its dominance

TESCO: Half-year figures tomorrow should help to confirm the group's dominant position as Britain's leading food retailer at a time when the price war shows signs of hotting up in the run-up to Christmas. Pre-tax profits are expected to grow by about £30 million to £320 million, although carnings growth will be a little slower, up about 2 per cent to 10.1p. A tax refund of almost £30 million will be offset to a certain extent by a £20 million charge relating to the closure of two Home 'n' Wear distribution centres.

At the annual general meeting in June, the group confirmed that sales during the first 14 weeks of the current year were 13 per cent ahead of the comparable period. Like-for-like sales, however, were 3 per cent down on the same period last year.

The one black spot will be petrol retailing which will have seen margins squeezed because of the price war. But trading generally is reckoned to have been reasonably buoyant, allowing the group to move early towards its usual autumn round of pre-Christmas price promotions. Although earnings growth at the halfway stage will be subdued, shareholders should be rewarded with an increase in the half-year payout of about 6.5 per cent to 3.25p.

WM MORRISON: By contrast, Wm Morrison has seen a slowdown in sales growth. When it last reported in May, William Morrison said sales growth during the first 14 weeks of the year was 12.5 per cent, down 2 points on the first seven weeks of the preceding year.

Half-year pre-tax profits on Thursday will mirror the tough competitive environment being experienced, with brokers forecasting an unchanged figure of about £51 million. NatWest Securities, the broker, reckons the continuing sales growth at Asda will produce a further decline in like-for-like sales and another narrowing of margins at Wm Morrison. At the same time, the group will have incurred increased costs from its store refurbishment programme.

NEXT: There appears to be no sign of a slowdown in the strong sales growth that the group has enjoyed of late. Half-year figures



Sir Ian MacLaurin, Tesco's chairman, is expected to unveil figures that show buoyant trading

on Wednesday are expected to make pleasant reading and are likely to lead to another round of profit upgradings by brokers.

At present, pre-tax profits are set to surge from £44.1 million to £55 million on the back of the improved outlook for consumer spending. At the annual general meeting in May, Next reported a sales rise of 16 per cent, but brokers say the overall figure is now likely to be in excess of 20 per cent, boosted by the general improvement in clothes sales since then. Like-for-like sales are expected to be in the region of 15 per cent ahead.

SEARS; Unlike other high street retailers, the group seems to have given at the annual general.

more than its fair share of problems. The statement accompanying full-year figures in April, warned shareholders not to expect too much from these results. Brokers have taken the company at its word and are forecasting a downturn in pre-tax profits from £30.3 million to about £25 million when the group unveils half-year figures tomorrow. Even so, the dividend should be pegged at 1.05p net. Areas of concern are falling sales and profits at British Shoe Corpration and lower profits at Freemans. The upturtl'inconsumer confidence may pro-

LAURA ASHLEY: If indications

vide the basis for a recovery.

meeting in May were anything to go by, half-year figures on Thursday, should be reasonably encouraging at first sight, with pretax profits doubled at £6 million, although that will compare with a depressed performance last time. The new management team

under Ann Iverson will have concentrated its efforts on reducing costs and how best to utilise provisions for store closures and redundancies A further decline in margins is almost certain in the wake of last year's heavy stock clearances and

the recession in Europe. Earnings will also double to 1.8p and the group is expected to make a return to the dividend list with a token payment of tap.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Borrowing may top £4bn

n Britain, the first focus of the week will be tomorrow with publication of public borrowing figures for August. As the Budget looms ever closer, monthly figures will inevitably pique increasing interest. In August, the Government is expected to have borrowed £4.1 billion, according to a consensus of forecasts compiled by MMS International, after a net repayment of £1.7 billion in July.

The next point of interest is on Wednes-

day when retail sales for August are published and are expected to show a continuation of the overall upward trend. In July sales fell by 0.6 per cent but this largely reflected a fallback from extremely buoyant figures in June. August is 0.5 per cent. Economists are also waiting for publication on Thursday of the latest Confederation of British Industry industrial trends survey and latest bank and building society lending figures for August,

ment continue to struggle to For the financial markets, there is more focus this week on events overseas. With a HAYS: Full-year figures from the fast growing business services group out later this morning should show further progress. crucial meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee on September 24, all eyes are on US statistics. Early last week, the markets became convinced that the Pre-tax profits range from £130 Fed would raise interest rates, but weak inflation data later in the week introduced some doubts. This week, the main focus with £110.3 million. The group will be on industrial production and capacity utilisation figures tomorrow and the Inkhold mail services group

housing starts on Thursday.

Survey evidence suggests that the production figures should show a pickup in manufacturing activity, according to Adam Chester of Yamaichi International Europe. Surveys from the Fed and the purchasing managers have been stronger and non-farm payrolls showed their best

gain in August since January, 1995. There is also a great deal of interest in European budget announcements as as-piring members of a single currency try to bring their deficits in line with the Maastricht criteria. This week, the focus is on France which announces the details of its Budget on Wednesday. Sweden introduces its budget on Friday.

. JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Sears, Tesco, Delphi Group, BWI. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Dalgety, MFI, Freeport Leisure, Brunner Mond, Wembley. Independent on Sunday. Buy Kinglisher, Rosebys, Nynex CableComms, Pace Micro Technology; Sell Memory Corporation. The Observer: Sell Railtrack. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Kynoch, Finelist; Take

Strong sterling 'hurt UK in 1980s'

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE large appreciation of sterling in the early 1980s resulted in a permanent deterioration in Britain's trade performance, according to a new study from the National Institute of Economic and Research. Bob Anderton, the author, notes

import penetration rose by more than a quarter, manufacturing employment fell by 25 per cent and imports from newly industrialising countries soared by more than 120 per cent. The link between these events, he argues, is the fact that sterling appreciated by around 30 per cent between 1979 and 1981 before returning

Mr Anderton contends that this temporary appreciation in sterling led to permanent loss of market share. It effectively offered a discount on import prices which encouraged British purchasers to sample the quality of previously untried imported goods. The problems

panied sterling's rise led to a notable deterioration in Britain's investment performance. He estimates that these effects together accounted for around a third of the rise in import penetration between 1979 and 1984 and around 40 per cent of the decline in the UK's share of world exports of manufac-

BY OUR CITY STAFF

NINE out of every ten managers believe their job-related stress is adversely affecting morale, health, efficiency and relationships. As a result, half say they do not look forward to going to work.

A joint survey by the Insti-

tute of Management and a health products manufacturer

factors at work are unreasonable deadlines, office politics and the strain of firing someone. But Britain's stressed

managers are keeping silent because admitting to stress is seen as a sign of weakness. The survey provides a gloomy picture of a UK workforce now suffering severely from stress and overwork. The only sol-

"macho and heroic" image of stress and encourage greater co-operation and support, says

The Institute interviewed 1,100 member managers. The survey said that poor stress management meant inefficiencies, lost production and absenteeism. An estimated 270,000 people are taking time off

representing a £7 billion annual cost in lost production and meeting health payments.

More than half the managers (52 per cent) complained of overwork, compared with 40 per cent in a similar survey three years ago. Only 50 per cent said they look forward to going to work, compared with 62 per cent in 1993.

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Kay named as Oxford director

By Our Business Staff

JOHN KAY, chairman of London Economics and Visiting Professor of Economics at the London Business School, has been named as the new director of the Oxford University School of Management Studies. He takes up the post at the start of next year.

Professor Kay succeeds Clark Brundin, who is retir-ing. The post is funded by the Peter Moores Foundation, and he will be known as the Peter Moores Director of the Oxford School of Management Studies. In July the school received a £20 million benefaction from Wafic Said, the businessman

Professor Kay had previously been director of the Institute of Fiscal Studies, and Professor of Economics and director of the Centre for Business Strategy at the London Business School.

He was a lecturer in ecnomics at Oxford University and remains a Fellow of St

Franc faces turbulence over crucial budget

By Our Economics Correspondent expected to claim to get the

deficit down to the 3 per cent

Maastricht limit with signifi-cant spending cuts offset by

around Fr25 billion of income

The question for the franc is

tax cuts next year.

THE French franc could face some turbulence this week when the Government led by Alain Juppé announces its crucial Budget for 1997, the test year under the Maastricht treaty for entry into a

single currency.
Jean Arthuis, France's Finance Minister, details the Budget on Wednesday. It is

whether the markets find the figures credible. Jean-François Mercier, of Salomon Brothers, predicted



that the Budget would not ease lingering investor doubts about France's ability to control its deficits over the long

Julian Jessop, of Nikko Europe, said that the Government's measures will be inadequate and leave the deficit at over 4 per cent of GDP in 1997 because the structural deficit is much worse than the Government admits and because growth will not come up to its expectations. However, there is a growing

view in the currency markets that, however questionable the budget arithmetic, France will join a single currency because of political determination. Many traders therefore feel no compelling reason to attack the franc.

This camp believes that the Government will come up with the necessary arithmetic. It is already clear that it is prepared to make liberal use

Privatisation yields £8.8bn

By OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Exchequer received an average of £4.8 billion a year from 33 privatised companies in the years between 1987 and 1995 through dividends, interest and debt repayments and corporation tax, a new study by National Economic Research Associates (NERA), published today by the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS), says. If the proceeds of the initial privatisa-

tion sales are taken into account, these companies have contributed an average of £8.8 billion a year over the same period. The CPS, founded by Margaret Thatcher and Keith Joseph and boasting

these riches with an average drain on the Exchequer from the nationalised industries between 1980 and 1982 of £300

million a year.
The CPS attacked the Labour Party for voting against every privatisation since 1979 and accused it of wanting to penalise successful managements by imposing windfall taxes. If privatisation is so beneficial to the Exchequer, then what is the justification for its proposed windfall tax," it asked. NERA picks out some companies for special mention. It notes that the Government received £13 billion from its sale of shares in British Telecom. On top of this BT has generally contributed between £1 billion and £2.4 billion a year since privatisation. This contrasts with a contribution to the public purse in the four years before privatisation of up to £625 million a year.

NERA attributes the large contribution of the privatised companies to a dramatic improvement in the profitabili-ty of the privatised companies which has led to significantly higher corporation tax receipts; dividend receipts from those firms in which the Government kept a substantial residual shareholding, and continued interest receipts and repayments of government debt.



Rachel Bridge on the Australian Stock Exchange becoming listed

Moving even nearer to the market

The Australian Stock Exchange has moved a step closer to realising the ambitious dream of becoming the first exchange in the world to secure a stock market listing. with a target value of A\$150 million (£75 million).

While a handful of stock

exchanges around the world, including Stockholm. Copenhagen, Athens and Amsterdam, have taken the first step of demutualisation not one has yet attempted the next big step of a stock market float. And the London Stock Exchange is monitoring the Australian

Stock Exchange's progress.
The London Stock Exchange said: "Any new development that an exchange around the world undertakes we monitor with interest and take a keen interest in. For the last two years we have been looking at what people are doing around the world and from that we've

drawn up a strategy."
It added that it had ruled out any form of demutualisation at present, but said it was something it might consider in

Members of the Australian Stock Exchange are scheduled

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Sydney's business community could see the Australian Stock Exchange's shares trading in early 1998

to vote on the demutualisation proposals next month. Richard Humphrey, managing director, said that the exchange's shares could begin trading in early 1998, pending government approval.

There is a growing feeling among the exchange's mem-

bers that the existing mutual status is outdated and inappropriate. The Australian Stock Exchange is currently owned by 520 stockbroking firms. All revenue earned from company listings is channelled back into development. Under the new proposals

exchange members would be allocated an equal number of shares regardless of size or length of membership that would be immediately tradeable on an unlisted basis and eventually open to anyone whether individuals, companies, institutions or even

other stock exchanges — once the shares are listed.

Maurice Newman, the Australian Stock Exchange chairman, said: "What we're about is trying to make our market as deep, as liquid, and as competitive as we possibly can. The mutual structure has served us

change to grow. I think we will be able to make decisions more quickly and be more flexible and, therefore, more responsive to market change."

He added: "The only conflict we have got to avoid is to ensure that the Australian Stock Exchange is not super-vising itself." He has suggested that the exchange should be regulated by the Australian Securities Commission. To prevent any unwelcome advances from over-enthusiastic foreign exchanges, a 10 per cent limit on share ownership is being mooted.

Mr Newman insisted that a corporate structure would enable the exchange to react faster to opportunities emerging in the global financial arena. We need to change to grow. It's not the big devouring the small any more, it's the quick devouring the slow." The exchange's stockbroker

members seem in favour of the move. One said: "After many years of paying in to the exchange, the prospect of a regular dividend is presty attractive. I would be very surprised if the proposal gets

Yes, but which department?

APPLICANTS for the Which? credit card, run by Beneficial Bank and unsurprisingly declared a "best buy" in the Consumer's Association magazine, can start filing their complaints. Beneficial has been forced to send out apologising letters. The bank has run out of application forms and is midway through "a print rerun". A call to customer services inquiring how long the rerun might take, brought only a suggestion of making another phone call to the bank's applications de-partment, who then asked "Could you ring customer services, please?"

Travel wise

EXECUTIVE travel has never been so hectic, or so cheap, for Mercury Asset Management which sent a team of two to Arizona over the weekend, without packing their wallets. To raise money for St John Ambulance, MAM raced against City teams to get as far away as possible from the Tower of London in 24 hours without spending any money. Female employees from the Woolwich Building Society dressed as Bond girls went to Paris, while solicitors from Asburst Morris Crisp took a circuitous route - by horse, milkfloat, roller blade, coach, plane, and being rowed down the Thames by Olympic oarsman Jonny Searle - to Washington.

Bluff called

BBC business presenter Adam Shore adopts a characteristic not uncommon in the City when he competes in tonight's Call My Bluff. The doe-eyed presenter of Business Breakfast and Working Lunch teamed up with comedienne Sandi Toksvig and Teresa Gor-man, Conservative MP for Billericay, for the historic game show chaired by cult hero Bob Holness. All was fun and games, until it came to the ten-minute dash for the loo. "Teresa

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Gorman was amazing. While we wandered out she started canvassing among the audience and absolutely refused to follow," opines a somewhat overshadowed Shore.

CHANGING the courtyard at Guildhall as part of a programme to tart up the City has not been a simple process. The cobblestones that were laid not that long ago in Guildhall Yard East, were pulled up and replaced with faux marble flagstones. Then a minion to the Lord Mayor tried to get out of the historic building, only to find that because of the new flooring, the automatic doors could not open.

Romanian star

SIR Rowland Whitehead the 66-year-old skydiver and former managing di-rector of mergers and acquisitions at Brown Ship-ley, will succeed Sir Raymond Appleyard as president of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting. Sir Rowland, who cites "rural indolence" as one of his pleasures in Who's Who, is also working on a competition for rising business stars in Romania. He has set up the Thatcher Prize for Good Business, and his fingers are crossed that Lady Thatcher will travel to Romania in May to present the award. Meanwhile, Sir Rowland is whizzing to and from Romania in a desperate bid to learn the lingo.

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Adam Shore mixed comedy with politics on TV

WORD-WATCHING ASILUS

(a) A member of a genus of files belonging to the order Diptera, family Asilidae. QA horner-fily, hawk-fily or robber-fily. From the Latin asilus a gadily. "They discuss the asilus and the oestrum." PLAMINGANT

(a) An advocate of the recognition of Flemish as an official language of Belgium, or of the exclusive use of Flemish in certain parts of Belgium. French flamenge, Dutch Vlaming. They (sc. the Walloons) consider the Flamingants to be unpatriotic and pro-German.

(a) Eurhythmics. An eponym of E. Jacques-Dalcroze (1865-1950), a Swiss exponent of musical education through physical exercises, used attributively and elliptically to designate his system, the movements involved, or an institution where the method is taught. D. H. Lawrence, Women in Love, 1920: "Will you sing while I do Dalcroze?" While you do —?, she asked vaguely. 'Dalcroze movements,' said Gudrun."

(b) A kind of shot silk material. A toponym of the former name of Djakarta, capital of Indonesia. "A new shot silk, known as Batavia. Smart little coats carried out in this Batavia silk look

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IMF looks at 'gold for poor' again

The International Monetary Fund will start talks again on sial plan to sell part of its gold reserves to finance debt relief for poor countries.
Stanley Fischer, IMF first

deputy managing director, said that an agreement was not in the bag but looked very likely. The IMF would sell around five million of its 104 million ounces of gold under an idea floated and campaigned for by Britain. It has met staunch opposition, par-ticularly from Germany.

New care plan

Care for older people should be free at the point of delivery but supported by a new system of compulsory care insurance contributions, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation pro-

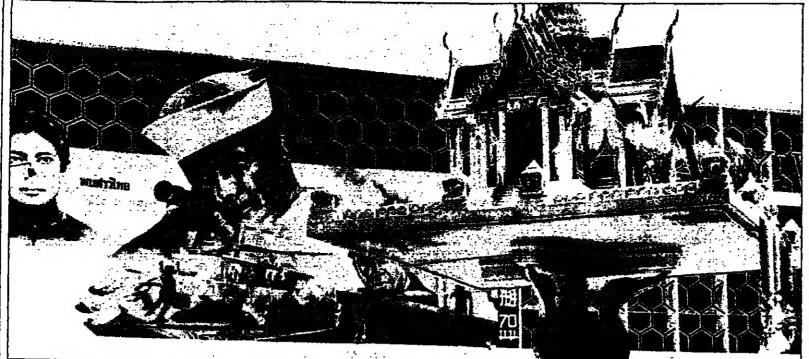
poses today.
It estimates that its scheme would initially add £540 million a year to public spending but that there would be substantial gains for taxpayers as the fund grew.

Drug project

Peptech, an Australian pharmaceutical research company working on commercial uses for peptide-based technologies, plans to raise at least £10 million by a private placing in London and to seek a secondary listing on the Stock Exchange. Peptech is looking at drugs for human and veteri-

Schools study

The standard of local schools is one of the key factors affecting long-term regional ecoperformance, according to a new study published by Business Strategies. The study found that areas with higher proportions of school-leavers with no qualifihad



A cinema in Bangkok, where the British company Pacific Media aims to transform movie-going in partnership with United Artists of the US

BA attempts to smooth way for alliance with American

By Jon Ashworth and Harvey Elliott

BRITISH AIRWAYS has embarked on a final round of intense lobbying as the Office of Fair Trading nears its deci-sion on whether or not the company's proposed alliance with American Airlines should be referred to the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission. Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, has written to BA customers, outlining the benefits of the proposed tie-up. Mr Ayling raises the prospect of shuttlestyle services from Heathrow to New York and Chicago, and emphasised that the two carriers would remain legally distinct. Competitors, including

Virgin Atlantic, say the alliance is a merger in all but

The debate is now expected to turn on the issue of landing and take-off slots at Heathrow. BA holds 38 per cent of the slots — with American it rises to 40 per cent — but claims the amount is considerably less than at other homebase airports. Lufthansa, which has an alliance with United, has about 63 per cent of the slots at Frankfurt.

Prospects for the alliance have been complicated by the the UK and America aimed at

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securing an "open skies" account for up to half its traffic agreement. The talks turn on across the north Atlantic, and different interpretations of says business will be lost to hubs elsewhere in Europe.

open skies", which, in a However BA's rivals insist limited sense, means freedom on any route between America the American alliance would and the UK, including access create a stranglehold on north to Heathrow. Atlantic routes.

☐ BA's senior managers will learn on Wednesday how BA argues that prospects for "open skies" will fade if the alliance is blocked. This, it much of the company is to be sold off, with the potential loss of thousands of jobs. A four-month internal study aimed at says, will mean less competition across the Atlantic because additional US carriers will not gain access to finding £1 billion of cost Heathrow. Less competition savings over the next three years is nearing completion, and first indications of which will mean less downward argues that transit passengers services are likely to be "con-

tracted out" will be spelled out to managers.

British Airways is determined to cut its costs sharply to compete with European airlines such as Lufthansa, the growing number of cut-priced airlines such as EasyJet offer-ing no frills flights on short haul services and the Channel Tunnel train services.

Staff have already been told that job losses cannot be ruled out, and when the project known as Step Change - was first announced in May it was made clear that no section of

Instem highlights AIM drawbacks

By Fraser Nelson

THE Alternative Investment report from Albert E Sharp. week by Instem - a computer. systems company on the Un-listed Securities Market that decided to bypass the junior exchange and seek a full

ing against the AIM, up to 20 per cent of Instem's investors hold its shares through a personal equity plan, which they could not do if it moved to ÁIML

Together with the unfath-omable rules that discern eligibility for capital gains tax relief, these momalies may prove to be the market's undoing — according to a

The broker issues a warning that unless regulation is tightened, AIM may suffer when

later this year. Yeoman, which makes satellite-guided map co-ordination systems, is joining AIM. It has sold 10,000 of its devices, which were first endorsed by the American military.

Three companies joined AIM last week PolyDoc, Grosvenor Land Holdings and Dartland - all fetching

reasonable premiums. The FT-SE AIM index fell 26.40 points over the week, closing at 1040.30.

Pacific Media seeking silver from screens of Far East

GOING to the cinema in Thailand or Malaysia may soon become a less hairy

neering British company.
Pacific Media, the AIMquoted media group, has
teamed up with United Artists to launch a range of branded multiplex cinema complexes throughout South East Asia. Cinema operators are in-creasingly looking to Asia for

new opportunities. Ten years ago, 75 per cent of all cinema receipts came from America. By 2000, 60 per cent of box office returns are expected to be from outside the US. In South-East Asia, turning "fleapit" cinemas into modern multiplexes, screening west-ernised films and backed by branded retail concessions, is seen as a formula for success.

Pacific Media's first project, a three-screen cinema complex in Singapore's Bugis Junction, has drawn average occupancy of 52 per cent in its first year, and the company is branching out. A four-screen cinema is to open in Singapore in Novem-ber, a deal has been clinched in Thailand, and there are plans to expand in China, Malaysia and Taiwan. Pacific Media and UA hope to have up to 160 screens throughout

the region by the end of 1998. Michael Buckley, chairman of Pacific Media, said that the Singapore experience was encouraging. He said: "If you can get this much success in a territory with too many cinemas, what are the prospects for the wider region?" People in Asia, he says, are phenome-

nal cinema-goers, with seven to eleven visits a year on aver-age, against 3.4 visits in Amer-ica, and only two in the UK. Mr Buckley, the former chairman of SelecTV, the UK production house behind such television hits as Lovejoy and Birds of a Feather, says that cinema in Asia has huge potential — particularly with the multiplex formula. Singaporeans pay US\$5 a cinema visit on average, against \$4.7

in New York). He has no plans to tackle the Philippines. where patrons pay \$1 a ticket, but is intent on breaking into Korea. "It is one of the golden markets out there," he said. "There are 12 million people in Seoul, only seven screens in the whole city, and they pay \$6 a ticket." Pacific Media is

seeking a Korean partner. UA spends up to \$3 million a year on travel for scouts seeking opportunities around the world. In its Asian joint venture, UA fits out and runs the

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cinema complexes, taking a 5 per cent management fee. Pacific Media uses its contacts to secure sites and help negotiations. Clive Ng. a Malaysianborn entrepreneur, is a major

shareholder in the company. Pacific Media has a 20 per Channel, a UK-based satellite service aimed at Chinese speakers in Europe. Start-up costs and write-offs left Pacific with a £5.4 million pre-tax loss in the year to December 31.

Sell-off possible at BR **Property**

By Keith Rodgers

THE future of the British Rail Property Board operation that manages commercial estates and the rump of properties left behind after Railtrack was privatised, is up in the air with the appointment of private consultants to conduct a review.

The decision to call in Chesterton International, the property management company, by BRPB has prompted speculation that the Government may be planning a further self-off of railway assets. The deal, finalised late last week, is thought to be highly sensitive and both parties have refused to comment.

BRPB is responsible for managing British Rail's remaining property interests, which include office buildings and surplus land already earmarked for disposal. It also has responsibility for closed branch lines and structures, which in many cases are thought to be unsale-able but still requiring

some maintenance. Many of British Rail's prime sites such as the White City development the Paddington basin site and a number of city centre stations, was ab-

sorbed by Railtrack. There have been sug tions that Chesterton itself may propose taking over management of BRPB's estate portfolio as part of its growing involvement in such facilities.

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Tilliam Waldegrave, the thinking person at the Y Treasury, made a typically thoughtful speech in the City last week. Its most remarkable feature, however, was what he did not say. The Chief Secretary commends a philosophic ideal of the good economic society. It has equality of opportunity but can only justify inequality of income and wealth if that benefits the worst off.

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By deft use of statistics Mr Waldegrave then proves that Britain meets the inequality test. If only people would look at the figures, instead of feeling miserable, they would see that poverty has not risen and they are, if anything, more economically secure. He then shows that America fails the inequality test, along with Australia and New Zealand. Real wages for most Americans on below-average incomes

have been static for the past decade. What comes next? A searching critique of American labour markets, you might think, to find out why the land of the free has become a candidate for communist revolt. Instead, Mr Waldegrave lauds the "Anglo-Saxon" approach and damns that of continental Europe.

The philosophy of workplace pro-tection symbolised by the EU social chapter offers false security, he argues. It deters employers from creating jobs and encourages them to evade the rules. Everyone is worse off if labour markets are inflexible because unemployment is higher and growth lower. And any attempt

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kitchen to perfect pro-

totypes of hospital suction

bags using his wife's electric

Last Friday, recognition fi-nally arrived when he was

nominated this year's Euro-

pean Small Business Person of

the Year at a conference of the

European Foundation for

Management Development in

Vazsa, Finland, sponsored by

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

The 51-year-old Finn, whose

plastics company, Muovi-serres, has slowly built a highly effective distribution

network across Europe, with

products ranging from hospi-

tal essentials such as suction

bags to plumbing perennials

The judging panel said that Mr Jyllila had inspired his 40-

strong workforce at the com-

pany's factory at Kiuhajoki,

350 kilometres north of Hel-

sinki, to take on — and beat —

global players in European

markets in spite of intense

help us convince big com-

panies that we can deliver,

Mr Jyllila attributes his

success to several factors.

Muoviserres makes its own

plastic moulds, which he believes "gives us complete con-

trol over the whole chain of

production, and, therefore,

He has also packed his

board with experienced execu-

tives from other exporting

companies. "They can tell you

if you're dreaming, or if you are being realistic," he said.

The company, which now

has distributors in eight Euro-

pean countries, received no

help from state or EU agencies

other than some expenses for

Muoviserres, Mr Jyllila

even if we are very small."

He said: The award will

competition.

our destiny

its export staff.

including water traps.

the consultant.

Economic ideal of society fails to impress the poor

to redress widening inequality via the tax system or a minimum wase would have equally malign effects.

The social chapter is, admittedly, a political sitting duck. Germany, France and Italy are cutting back social protection while they castigate Britain for staying out. The Anglo-Saxon agenda is now the agenda for joining a European currency. The chapter also embarrasses Labour.

The carrot of social protection, expertly dangled by Jacques Delors, converted Labour and the TUC into enthusiastic Europeans. In those days, they saw no hope of enacting such laws at home. Now Labour claims that the social chapter would have hardly any impact and just makes you a good European. That still leaves the American

dilemma. Had the Chief Secretary addressed it, he would doubtless have agreed with his boss. Kenneth Clarke argues that Britain wins because it combines free and flexible markets with a social safety net. But this does not really stand up.

Poverty, in work, unemployment or economic inactivity has made social security spending unsustainably high. In an earlier role, Mr Waldegrave himself set off the



explosion in housing benefit as a quid pro quo for freeing rents. The ensuing high tax burden and high deficits constrain growth and jobcreation just like continental social protection. There is constant pressure to whittle away benefits. If Mr Clarke tried to meet the Maastricht tests, he would need more cuts.

America, meanwhile, is clearly not too worried about failing the inequality test. The reason perhaps, is that the vast majority do not feel poor, even though there is a big, poor, havoc-wreaking underclass. But lots of people feel poorer in Britain, a lot more perhaps, than on the Continent. One test is the

Marcus Gibson looks into three enterprising small businesses

Iron man wins Euro award

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number of families relying on means-tested benefits, which has reached ridiculous proportions. Families having to go cap in hand to the benefit office feel poor, regardless of their living standard. Above the lowest levels, poverty is

relative, and partly in the eye of the

sufferer. The numbers war over job insecurity, low pay and unemployment is to that extent politically academic. Relative poverty is not just about money either. The poor are unlikely to envy the rich if their own values are those of the country. The social solidarity in Germany's restrictive contract between capital and labour is the equivalent of the spirit of the Delaration of Independence in America. In Japan, almost everyone claims to be middle class.

In Britain, the middle classes are still often thought of as the likes of accountants, lawyers, company directors, plus the odd clubland journalist. John Major thinks inheritance tax is a big issue for Middle England, even though, on a gener-ous interpretation, only 5 per cent of estates are liable. In the enterprise culture, schoolteachers are failures and Godfearing Caribbean families a joke. Low-income employees can

only hope for redemption through the National Lottery.

This helps to explain why "fat cats" have proved such an unlikely political goldmine for Labour and why the idea of a statutory minimum wage is so popular, almost as much to the embarrassment of Tony Blair as of Mr Waldegrave, Better lifetime training and quick job turnaround may be more effective tools to attack poverty. A minimum wage has more appeal. If the level were modest, say £3.30 an hour, there is also a good chance that it would take more people off benefits than it put on via unemployment.

This is an economic gain but, like the social chapter, mainly symbolic. A more effective attack on poverty would focus on incentives in the tax system. The minimum wage could be most useful as a benchmark for income tax and social security thresholds, matters too important to government finances to allow a commission to fix.

No-one in receipt of means-tested benefits should be paying income tax. The Chancellor could make a big impact on the most glaring area of poverty — single-earner families with children — by doubling the married person's allowance for these families, restoring the link between tax and benefit systems. A sharp rise in the basic allowance should be the next objective.

That is not easy politics. On the tests of opportunity, inequality, and incentive it would take Britain nearer the good economic society.

Powerbox International,

which produces a million pow-

er converters each year and

has expanded at 35-40 per cent

a year for the past five years.

From a rural base, the compa-

ny's tentacles have spread

rapidly across Europe, em-

ploying 140 staff - only 40 of

whom are located in Sweden.

Powerbox has grown rapidly

because most of his staff are

the children of farmers. "They

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ment funding. He said: "Very

few companies with drive need subsidies. We find it better to

concentrate on customers and

state subsidies.

products rather than chase

The quality of recent gradu-

ates, however, has been an

acute disappointment. "It

takes years before they are

able to do a good job," he said.

"Swedish universities know

nothing about what's going on

The winner of last year's

award, Bruno Bonnell, the 37-

year-old French chief execu-

Entertainment, a fast expand-

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who travels 150

days of the year,

a good basis for business."

Mr Fredmark believes that

Going to bed with a poem

RADIO CHOICE

A Book at Bedtime: The Nation's Favourite Poems. Radio 4, 10.45pm.

Somebody once said prose is the begetter of poetry. Or was it the other way round? Either way, it is implicitly why this week's Book at Bedtime is taken up with verse. I believe it is the first time a national poll has inspired Radio 4's consistently entertaining 10.45pm spot to amend its terms of reference. The poll identified the 50 best-loved in the Desirable lake. Except for its title there were no if amend its terms of reference. The post toerhands the 50 best-loved poems in the British Isles. Except for its title, there were no its — or buts — about the chart-topper. It was Kipling's If, and John Nettles reads it tonight. Selections from the remaining 49 favourites will be read during the rest of the week by Siobhan Redmond, Greg Wise

The Health of Planet Earth. BBC World Service, 10,30pm.

I thought that Homo sapiens got off pretty lightly last Monday when John Murphy launched his six-part inquity into the environmental mess we seem to have got ourselves into. Apparently, the blame for global warming isn't ours alone. Natural forces are at work, too. In global warming isn't ours alone. Natural forces are at work, too. In the end, of course, it pretty well comes down to the same thing. Earth may survive, but will we? Part two of Murphy's worrying series notes that, although the Western world has stopped producing and using some ozone-destroying chemicals, the Third World has not. So I'm afraid that an ill wind from China or India could blow all of us no good at all.

Peter Davalle

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VIRGIN RADIO

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6,00am On Air. Rossini (Overture: The Barber of Saville); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor); Chabrier (Joyeuse marche); Britten (Carride No 1: My beloved is mine); Prokofiev (Romeo and Julist: Suita No 1)

9.00 Morning Collection, Mozart (Piano Concerto No 6 in 8 flat, K238); Schubert (Symphony 6 No 1 in D) 10.00 Musical Encounters.

Stanford (Irish Phapsody No 1 in D minor); Mozart (Plano Concerto No 22 in E flat, K482); Dowland (My Lord Willoughby's Welcome Home);

12.00 Composer of the Week; Antonin Dvořák 1.00pm News; Nicolal Demidenko. Mediner "In fact, I've had an idea. University classes should each adopt a company and follow

(Canzona seraneta, Op 38 No6; Sonata reminiscenza, Previous winners of the Deloitte Touche award, now in its fourth year, have subsequently revealed their

No6; Sonata reminiscenza,
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2.00 The BBC Symphony
Orchestra, Takemitsu (I Hear
the Water Dreaming); Mozart
(Plano Concerto No 25 in C,
K503)
3.45 Volces, A programme of
songs by Reynaldo Hahn (r)
4.30 Class of 86; A British; Jazz
Decade (2/4)

5.00 The Music Machine (r)

5.15 In Tune. Purceti (From Silent Shades, Z370); Liszi (Valse de concert sur deux motifs de Lucia et Parisina) 7.30 in the House of Crossed

performance of John Woolfich's first opera, given last July by Music Theatre Wales. With Susan Gorton, soprano, Adey Grummett.

soprano 9.10 Novellats. Mordecai Richler reads from his work-in-progress, Samey Like the Pisno Player

9.30 Orchestra of the Age of Entighterment, Weber Entighterament. Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E fist); Mozzat (Rondo for hom and orchestra, K371) 10.00 Ensembles. A recital by Variessa Latarche, piano. Includes Mendelssohn (Pretudes and Fugues, Op 35 No 2 in D) Schumann (Arabesque in C, Op 18); Grieg (Sonata in E minor, Op 7)

10.45 Mixing it 11.30 Composers of the Week: Johann Sebastian Bach (r) 12.30am Jazz Notes. A look at the career of the Four Freshmen 1.00 Through the Night

Mard Lady Grange, abandoned by her husband on St Kilda after three mock funerals, battles

identity 9.15 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe:

Why Labour is no longer feared

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sales at Siroco, his precision

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Who's Who of Europe's auto

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Oporto, grew 60 per cent.

season, the race for general election victory will intensify a race that Labour is widely expected to win. Although still apprehensive about the election, the gilt market has grown increasingly sanguine about the outlook for bonds under Labour. Life under Labour will largely be shaped by the extent of the party's

commitment to greater UK integration with Europe. Although the referendum question remains unresolved, greater economic convergence may be a necessary condition for successful monetary union, it has become clear that there is a much greater chance of UK participation in monetary union under Labour than under the Conservatives. This is positive for sterling and gilts - the prospect of a strengthening currency, and of yield convergence against core European bonds, means that gilts are not fearing a Labour victory in the way

Meeting the Maastricht criteria would act as a significant constraint on government policy, as, indeed, would two associated measures that Labour have already identified: retaining an inflation target and only borrowing to invest - the so-calle

Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is open

to interpretation; in a strict economic

sense capital expenditure should be defined as net of depreciation - every year a proportion of the

said. "was more like a family

than a company. Every six

months all the staff take a day

out together. We go on study

groups together, which helps

make everyone highly

The two beaten finalists in

Vaasa had equally impressive

track records. Virtually single-

handed, Carlos Rochas, 41, an

entrepreneur and engineer es-

tablished a high-tech firm in

Portugal, no mean feat in a

country not know for export-

ing its technology. This year

motivated."

replaced. Judging by his comments, Gordon Brown will define public sector investment gross of depreciation - a difference of several billion pounds in a full fiscal year. Nevertheless, the imposition of these conditions would impose significant fiscal discinline on a future Labour government. The UK bond market likes this pros-

pect, but gilts are still likely to wobble a little before the election. There will be a period early next spring where yield spreads against other bonds are rising — not because of a fear of a

Erkki Jyllila, this year's winner, and the two other finalists, Carlos Rochas, top right, and Karl Fredmark

Senhor Rochas had to rely on:

funds from 17 friends and two

The process of getting state

aid in Portugal, he says, is

hugely bureaucratic and slow.

"If we asked we might get

finance for a new spark ero-

sion machine - in six months

But I need to get it up and

running in two weeks." By

1998 Senhor Rochas expects

production will double and

improved margins will

emerge. Senhor Rochas is a graduate

small venture capital firms.

victory may not be clear-cut. Although a Labour victory with an overall majority is our central case, the result is by no means foregone. The next most likely seenario is a hung Par-

liament,

Labour victory, but because that

Labour holding the largest number of capital stock wears out and needs to be seats. The ability of this government to function adequately would depend on how far short of a majority the socialists are, and to what extent they would have to compromise to form a pact with another party. What is definite, however, is that there would be much more uncertainty about the ability of the government to carry out

its programme - and as markets hate

uncertainty, gilts and sterling are bound to underperform.

of Jeep, Oporto's little known

but remarkably successful en-

trepreneur programme that started in 1985. Its alumni are

now running half a dozen of Portugal's fastest growing

small and medium-sized en-

finalist. More than 20 years

ago, Karl Fredmark, 53, an

engineer, watched his boss

"being sacked before my eyes".

He, too, walked out in disgust,

and immediately took the deci-

sion to start his own company.

Sweden produced the third

terprises (SMEs).

It follows that uncertainty of the result ahead of the election will produce a defensive reaction in gilt yields. And, in spite of the apparently com-manding lead Labour has in the polls, recent "on screen" betting on the Labour seats has ranged between 330 and 340, barely above the "winning post" for an overall majority of 330.

Because of this uncertainty, we expect that yield spreads of gilts over other bonds will rise in the immediate pre-election period, perhaps by 30 basis points. Then if Labour did attain a reasonable working majority, and subsequently managed the economy appropriately for monetary union, the way would be clear for gilts to outperform other bonds substantially.

> STEPHEN SCOTT AND DAVID OWEN Kleinwort Benson Ltd | of the shares in Muoviserres.

of Fr378 million and will declare its first profit figures on October 9. In 1994, Gerry Lowe, head of Lowe Refrigeration of Northern Ireland, won the

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.00 News; Bettling with the Past (FM) 10.30 Women's Hour 11.30 Women's Hour 11.30 Money Box Live: (0171) 580 4444 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Brain of British 1996 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers, (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast award, but, surprisingly, Holiday Autos, the car hire company, failed to make the Roger Cheesley, Deloine's

SME partner in London, says that over the years he has identified some key points in a battleworthy entrepreneur.

He said: "The ones that are 1.40 The Archera, (7 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; The Last September By Elizabeth Bowen (2/2) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Lynn Walker reviews Jonathan Miller's production of 'La Travista' 4.45 Short Story: Tom 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather successful start out in their early 20s and have never worked for a large company. They are used to doing everything themselves." He added: Those who come out of large

corporations generally don't do so well. 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News "Entrepreneurs tend to be good team-builders, good at controlling - and maintaining — the focus on profitabili-

take it one step at a time." The small steps Erkki Jyllila took with his wife's iron in 1974 set him firmly on the road to becoming a multimillionaire. Especially as he and his wife own 73 per cent

ty, and above all, they can

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40

6.30 News Quiz (r)
7.00 News Quiz (r)
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Over the Counter (4/4) (r)
7.45 The Monday Play:
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As Legend Has It. continuing Carter Brandon's epic journey through Wak with his Uncle Mori, With Stephen Thome as Uncle Mort and Sam Kelly as Cartai

Brandon (4/5) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59
Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The
Nation's Favourite Poem

See Choice 11.00 Chain Reaction Sarah Dunant explores the art of decision-making as she invites four guests to show their skill in a hypothetical

scanario

11.40 Reading Aloud "Your Father's Eyes are Blue Again, the Bay and the Albatross".

Bruce Chatwin's recollections of sailing, antiquities and the sonty albatross. Read by sooty albatross. Read by Patrick Malahide. (f) 12.00am News Incl 12.27 approx

12.30 The Late Book (1/10) (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1,00 As World Service

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New wave of sminting sends market prices through roof

YESTERDAY saw some of as sminting on an unprece-pletely out of control. the most extraordinary scenes dented scale sent prices

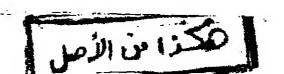
ever on the stock market floor piralling upwards and com- sminting began to filter in reacting with unstoppable from Tokyo and Hong Kong. force, as hysterical dealers. Hatt, the Governor of the At the outset, rumours of Before long, the markets were were seen throwing little bine

and shouting "buy, buy, buy!" All dealing was finally burst through the 10,000 openly on each other's shoulders as they realised they had become instant millionaires several times over. Albert E.

rectangular packs into the air situation but in reality it was a futile gesture in the eye of the hurricane. The markets are suspended when the FTSE due to open again as normal this morning; but can things barrier. Grown men wept ever be normal again after 24 hours in which the entire global financial infrastructure was well and truly sminted?

It seems most unlikely.

World Bank tried to calm the Makes your mouth a much nicer place.





The prospect of endless and empty Rhodes

we took a year off before uni-versity, to work in a bookshop. We think it showed maturity. Which is why the most remarkable moment in the whole 90 minutes of last night's Rhodes (BBCI) was when the young Cecil Rhodes (Ine Shaw) straightened his back. adjusted his braces, surveyed his diamond mines through a haze of African dust, and announced it was time to go back to school. Standing tall in his cricket whites and braces, all nice teeth and thick hair - well, he was probably right, whatever he did. But the confidence of the boy! Not only to own diamond mines at the age of 19, but to leave them in somebody cise's care. An Oxford degree was worth more than diamonds, clearly. Perhaps when De Beers first came up with the slogan "How else would one month's salary last a lifetime?" they were thinking of their founder's education.

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was being made: I maintained a rather touching confidence that the first episode would explain and justify. Perhaps Rhodes would turn out to be a fascinating man, with a great H. Rider Haggard-ish story of adventure, and the first episode would work hard to attract the doubtful and persuade the suspicious. But it was very odd. Though much toil was depicted on screen last night - kallirs digging dirt, mostly - that foundation work was simply not done. His character never filled out, his background was a blank. By the end of it, I still don't have the slightest interest in Cecil Rhodes, save for his interesting answer to "What did you do in your year off?"

When a series comes along trumpeting its enormous budget. the viewer is bound to get niggly. So I don't mind saying Rhodes was peculiar visually 100. Because it was filmed entirely in South Africa

(why?), English country-house scenes took place under dazzling skies. All other scenes were dusicoloured, which was boring. The wigs were thick and stagey. But the main problem was that nothing mattered very much: all the great wind flattened Kimberley. for example, sheds were knocked down, workers ran off, cattle emerged rather hesitantly from stalls (This way? Which way do you want us? OK, this way!"), but the plot didn't turn on this event. It was included in Antony Thomas's script, presumably, just because it really happened.

l iven the limitations on audience sympathy, Joe Shaw was charming as the younger Rhodes - a bit like Captain Jeremy in Soldier, Soldier, only without the ideals. Martin Shaw as the older version appeared only briefly, snapping at REVIEW



Lynne Truss

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servants and backflashing madly at the behest of the exotic Princess Radziwill (Frances Barber). These scenes were so awkward I found myself chewing the carpet - Barber's Russian accent was impectable, but I would rather hear fingernails on a blackboard than listen to a Rooshian Meestery Vooman coax misty memories from a tightly-buttoned man in a bad wig. Did she call him a colossus, by the

way, or was that a bad dream? Weeks of Rhodes stretch ahead. Meanwhile this weekend saw the relaunch of regular dramas, with Casualty on Saturday and Pie in the Sky yesterday (both BBCI) — both on form, if that's what you call it. As any fool knows, Charlie and Baz became proud parents on Saturday, ho hum, but there was some drama nevertheless: a young mum went berserk with her kiddies, and a caper at a fireworks warehouse ended badly. The fireworks warehouse is such a perfect Casualty mise-en-scene - "Let's break in here, but remember, no naked flames!" - it was a privilege to witness it. They must have saved

Pie in the Sky was the first of a two-part story (damn, I hate those) and involved the death of a stable lad from a blow to the head by a heavy circular object. Any Sherlock Holmes devotee will guess at once that the horse did it - as in

Silver Blaze — and will be gutted if proved wrong. Pie in the Sky is worth watching for those halluci
(11 catch you!" called brother natory moments when the elegant Cambridge gives chase in slow motion. Arrange the limbs of a Barbie doll (Look, she's running!") and you will get something of the idea.

aturday's Fine Cut (BBC2) was Troublesome Creek, an intimate documentary by an American couple depicting the decline of an lowa farming family. By contrast to all the above dramas, it was thoroughly absorbing and very moving. When Russ and Mary Jane Jordan sold their cows at auction one snowy January day, the sense of loss was unbearable, Their daughter, Jeanne Jordan, was one of the filmmakers (with partner Steven Ascher), and Troublesome Creek had the unpretentious feel of a superior home movie. In an early

John), the camera swung round afterwards on Jeanne herself, weeping with relief. "This is my family in a nurshell," she said in voice-over, "incredible luck, incredible timing, and forever teetering on the brink of disaster."

Finally, The South Bank Show (ITV) returned last night with an excellent film about Victoria Wood. Its producer, Nigel Wattis. is evidently a fan: exactly the right bits from old shows and sketches were intercut with Melvyn Bragg's interview - the cross-Channel swimming teenager whose parents don't miss her, for example. And an interesting bonus: on the eve-ning when Kimberley received its name by royal decree in Rhodes. how pleasant to see what a big laugh "Have you seen my friend Kimberley?" can still get at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

6.00am Business Breakfast (14448) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (45719) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Cee(ax)

9.20 Style Challenge (s) (2302103) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1275429) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (14264) 11.00 News and weather (Ceelax) (4557081)

11.05 Phantom of the Opera (r) (Ceelax) (s) (36796871) 12.45pm Blooming Lovely (r) (34674559) 1.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (48806) 1.30 Regional News and weather (45144239) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (32585158)

2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6143351) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1789429) 3.00 Who'll Do the Pudding? (s) (4516) 3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (s) (8560871) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (s) (6040784) 4.10 Fudge (Ceeiax) (s) (7497500) 4.35 Cartoon Critters

(Ceefax) (s) (4793806) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7876622) **5.10 Blue Pater** (Ceefax) (s) (2416581) 5.35 Neighbours (458784)

5.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (871) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (351) 7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds continues his search for the Telly Addicts

champions of 1996 (Ceetax) (3697) 7.30 Mastermind, Magnus Magnusson introduces the lirst of the semi-finals from the Tower Circus, Blackpool (Cealax) (535) 8.00 EastEnders. Ian goes in pursuit of the

truth concerning Clindy and David (Ceelax) (s) (5245) 8,30 X Cars. Steve Lewis and Phil Steely from X Department's Vehicle Crime Unit tackle a problem area in Greater Manchester where hundreds of cars are stolen each

month (Ceefax) (s) (1852) 9.00 News; regional news and weather (Ceelex) (8790)

Pamorema Special: Dun-blane. Panorama talks exclusively to the families whose children who were badly wounded in the shooting at Dunbiane Primary School earlier this year (Ceelax) (940149)

Chicago Hope: Hello Good-bye. Geiger has to perform a risky heart operation on a young woman who dislikes him, and Shutt's father announces his engagement to a woman Starring Mandy Patinkin and Adam Arkin Chicago Hope 11.30 Film 96 with Barry Norman 12.05am FiLM: Talent For The Game 1.35-1.40 Weather

11.05 Film 96 with Barry Norman. The latest releases including Striptease, with Demi Moore, and Escape from LA, with Kurt Russell (Ceefax) (s) (283177)

7 11.35 FILM: Talent for the Game (1991) starring Edward James Olmos, Lorraine Bracco, Jeff Corbett, Jamey Shendan and Terry Kinney. A pitcher plucked from obscurity expenences the downside of Robert M. Young (s) (504887) 1.05am-1.10 Weather (2331746)

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6.00am Open University: Designing a Lift (2291429) 6.25 Social Scientists at Work (6793090)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (8682158) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunics (9934448) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (2013784) 8.20 King Greenfingers (r) (1996516) 8.25 Tales of Aesop (r) (8302974) 8.35 Lassie (r) (2555158) 9.00 TV6 (16622) 9.30 Cosmo and Dibs in Punjabl

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12.30pm Working Lunch (31429) 1.00 History File (73914535) 1.20 Spanish Globo (63413177) 1.25 Landmarks (s) 1.45 Storytime (45227516) 2.00 King Green-fingers (r) (21535451) 2.05 Tales of

Aesop (22985992) 2.10 FILM: She'll Take Romance (1990) A television weathergiri (Linda Evans) judges a "Romantic Man" contest. Directed by Piers Haggard (Ceelax)

3.55 News, and Weather (Cestex) (4793158) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (264) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (448) 5.00 Esther (7603) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone cetax) (s) (500)

6.00 UFO (Ceetax) (996351) 6.45 Later Presents Brit Beet. Jools Holland

presents a compilation of five studio performances from the new generation of British guitar-pop bands (s) (406968) 7.35 The Great North Run. Coverage of the 13-mile race between Newcastle and South Shields (s) (556351)

8.05 People's Century: 1945 --- Brave New World. Charting the turbulent changes of the 20th century through the syes of ordinary men and women (r) (Ceelax) (s)

Pioneers: Saving Bables. Paediatrician Dr Beryl Corner, which began in the 1930s (Ceelax) (a)

9,30 Sylkes. Peter Sellers joins Eric Sykes and Hattle Jacques (r) (Ceefax) (44993)



10.00 Game On. Cornedy about three young flatmates who don't seem to be enjoying life. With Samantha Janus, Neil Stuke and Matthew Cottle (Ceefax) (s) (47577)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (522413) 11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceelax) (s)

11.40 Seinfeld (Ceelax) (s) (123005) 12.05am Grace Under Fire (s) (1800833) Followed by Weatherview 12.33-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Strictly Dancing: Irish Set Dance Channel 4, 8.30pm

You dance with a partner in groups of eight. Each dance is made up of several parts called figures. The figures are made up of short routines called moves. And so on, until your head spins and your feet, if you have been trying to follow these quicklire instructions. are probably pointing in opposite directions. It was a good idea to explain the nuts and bolts of the dances in this series, but not at such bewildering speed. Thankfully there is a human story. This one is about three sisters, Janet, Carol and Linda, who leave their husbands and children every Monday to go dancing in Liverpool. They also go dancing in Ireland, because nobody in Liverpool knows the Cavan Reel Ser. One of the sisters says: "We are too young for bingo and too old for discos. The dancing slots in

Pioneers: Saving Babies BBC2, 9.00pm

Dr Beryl Corner was a medical pioneer in a double sense. First, although a brilliant student, she had to overcome prejudice against women in the profession to pursue her career as a paediatrician. Having won that battle, she did as much as anybody in this country to reduce the shockingly high mortality rate among sick and premature babies. As recently as the 1940s, one quarter of all babies born under 52 lbs died. Happily still with us at the age of 85, Dr Corner recalls her work in Bristol, where she initiated modern notions of intensive care, successfully delivered the Good quads, and devised radical remedies for two other scourges of newborn babies, blindness and jaundice. Despite her fondness for children, she says she never wanted any of her own. Or rather, she never met a man she wanted

Cutting Edge: Paradise Island Channel 4, 9.00pm

Tony Craig's dream is to set up a new community on an uninhabited tropical island. It may sound a dotty idea but when he advertises in a newspaper he has more than 500 replies from people keen to make a fresh start to their lives and prepared to put up the £150,000 needed to make the project work. Meetings are held, plans are laid and Craig, with his wife and young son, goes looking for his island in the Gulf of Panama. But as the months go by and nothing much happens, potential members of the community start to get restless. It dawns on them that they know very little about Craig, what he does and where he got his money from The same thoughts may occur to the viewer and when Craig's past suddenly catches up with him David Frank's film takes a dramatically different direction.

BBC2, 10.00pm It is a difficult to go into the details of this returning sit-com by Andrew Davies and Bernadette Davis in case children may be ading. Suffice to say that 95 per cent of the plot is about sex, and that if the camera discreetly backs away at the most explicit moments the dialogue does not. Devotees will recall that Game On is about three twentysomething flat-sharers, played by Samantha Janus, Matthew Cottle and, in a cast change since the first series, Neil Stuke. All the talk is about their sexual encounters. past, present and in the future. When shy Martin (Cottle) meets a pretty nurse (Tracy Keating) it is a chance for both of them to lose their virginity. The joke, not an original one but much appreciated by the studio audience, is that when it comes to it poor Martin is just too shy. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (9086351)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (6706564) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (3768245) 10.00 The Time ... the Piace (s) (2639993) 10.35 This Morning (64461429)

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Scooby Doc (Teletext) (7583351) 4.50
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5.10 What's My Line? (7075036) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (499185) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (527429)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (531142) 6.50 Let's Go (565167) 7.00 The List (4993)

7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (Teletext) (4993) 7.30 Coronation Street. Alec seeks further bookings for Fiona (Teletext) (603) 8.00 World in Action. Is the Prince of Wales being forced to compromise his principles on environment protection in

order to generate more money from the Duchy of Comwall? (Teletext) (7413) 8.30 The Upper Hand, Charlie and Caroline host a dinner party (Teletaxt) (9448)



9.00 FILM: Passenger 57. Terrorist Charles Rane is fiying to stand trial in Los Angeles when his accomplices hijack the plane. Also on board is an anti-terrorism expert No prizes for guessing who goes to the rescue of the innocent passengers. With Wesley Snipes and Bruce Payne. Directed by Kevin Hooks. Continued after the news (Teletext) (8429)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (28413). 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (810245) 10.40 FILM: Passenger 57. Concludes (Teletext) (s) (971245)

11.15 FILM: The Return of a Man Called Horse (1976) Visually breathtaking sequel with Richard Hams, John Morgan returns to the American West to win back the freedom of the Indian Iribe that adopted him (15355581)

1.30 Bushell on the Box (s) (86659) 2.00 The Crime Hour (90494) 3.00 Big Match — Replayed (r) (1889814) 3.40 Coach (r) (s) (49922291) 4.05 Jones and Jury (s) (80190036) 4.30 The Time...the Place (r) (s) (50746) 5.00 The

Hulk (8729272) 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected (6898389) 1.30 New Afred Hitchcock (7042475) 2.00 Afred Hulchcock Presents (9452456) 2.30 Rod Serting's Night Gallery (8484291) 3.00 Friday the 13th (813746) 3.55-4.00 Quana (62259838)

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4819448) 9.30 The Garden Show (5644500; 18.00 Two's Country (2146974) 10.30 Home Again (4808332) 11.00 Furniture to Go (4992622)

11.30 Room Service (4993351) 12.00 Julia Child (4726784) 12.30pm The Frugel Gourmet (5728516) 1.00 Versatile Vegeta-

bles (4835448) 1.30 This Old House

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12.20pm-12.55 HTV News (5672041) 2.50-3.20 Look and Cook (7955790) 5.10-5.40 Bagdad Cafe (7075036) 6,25 Wales Tonight (785332) 7.00-7.30 House to House (4993)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2150210) 1.25-1.55 Quisine (68017413)

1.55 Home and Away (24397121) 2.25 The Body — a User's Guide. Nicola Davies's guided tour of the human body (97849993)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1787061) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7075036) 6.00 Westcountry Live (36974) 7.00-7.30 Bruce's Price is Right (4993)

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11.45 Beyond Reality (697500) 12.15am Nationwide Football League Extra (4276456)

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6.00 Meridian Tonight (239) 6.30 Spirit of the South: Fat Man of Kent

7,00-7,30 Bruce's Price is Right (4993) 10.00 News at Ten; Weather (28413) 5.00em Freescreen (35949)

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12.00 Right to Reply (r) (Teletext) (s) (25326) 12.30pm Backdate (s) (Teletext) (53697) 1.00 Sesame Street (r) (s) (41852)

2.00 Joe McDoakes (50060351) 2.15 FILM: Tom Brown's Schooldays (1951). A vivid film of Thomas Hughes's classic novel, with John Howard Davies. Directed by Gordon Parry (239429)

4.00 Fifteen to One (s) (Teletext) (332) 4.30 Countdown (a) (Teletext) (516) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (s) (Teletext) (2924603) 5.45 Travelog Treks 6.00 The Coeby Show. The Huxtable parents

come down with flu (r) (Teletext) (581) 6.30 Boy Meets World. Cory discovers that he really should have studied more (s) (Teletext) (531)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (810887) 7.55 Books of the Century (s) (153448)

8.00 Little Killers: A Short Hectic Life. On a country lane in the summer, high-pitched chiruping and twittering is often heard a sound that is often dismissed as crickets and small birds. In fact, it is likely to be the sound of shrews, some of the most aggressive mammals in the world, whose fights are a bediam of shrieking and tailbiting. This film follows the short, hectic life of the water shrew, the only member of the tribe to have conquere

the aquatic environment (5055) 8.30 Strictly Dencing: Irich Set (6090)



Tony Creig seeks paradise (9pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Paradise Island (Teletext) (s) (6871)
10.00 Homicide — Life on the Street: Hate gate a case of murder outside a gay bar (s) (Teletext) (9158)

11.00 The American Football Big Match

presented by Gary Imlach (358055) 12.20am Transworld Sport (r) (9635456) 1.20 Let the Blood Run Free (r) (s) (8331185) 1.50 FILM: I Am a Camera (1955, b/w). Atmospheric comedy-drama based on With Laurence Harvey, Julie Harris and Sheltey Winters. Directed by Henry Cornelius (936678). Ends at 3.40

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7.00am Undum (81535) 9.00 Press Your Luck. (7013790) 9.20 Love Connection 1955881) 9.45 Oprah Winitey (1049351) 5.40 Loopadyl (6453142) 11.10 Sally Jossy Raphaol (9305806) 12.00 Geraldo (85210) 1.00pm Anmal Practice (84622) 1.30 Degaring Women (78974) 2.00 Jenny Jones (45245) 3.00 Court TV (8072) 3.30 Oprah Winitey (1060254) 4.15 Undum (7500245) 5.00 Quantum Leap (8784) 6.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (87622) 7.00 LAPD (9413) 7.30 MASH (2229) 8.00 Sephrings (9413) 7.30 MASH (2239) 8.00 Sightings (31413) 9.00 Pickel Fences (24177) 10.00

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News on the hour 6.00am Sunses (93784) 9.30 The Book Show (7351264) 10.10 CBS 60 Minutes (2008777) 11.30 CBS News Live (309697) 2.30pm CBS News (6325245) 3.10 Court 2.30pm (38 News etc.) 10 (74128622) 5.00 Live at Five (93871) 6.30 Torught (69697) 7.30 Sports (171061) 8.10 CBS 60 Minutes (12137871) 11.30 8.10 CBS 60 Manufes (1273-438) World CBS News (1987) 1.330am ABC World News Tonghi (49497) 1.30 Tonight Replay (4836727) 2.10 Court TV (9152678) 3.30 The Book 50w (11814) 4.30 CBS News 133349) 5.30 ABC World News (55630)

YY MOVIES 6.00am One on One (1977) (49806) 8.00 The Hideauxys (1973) (63697) 90 A Promise to Keep (1990) (60719) 12.00 French Silk (1993) (59448) 2.00pm One Spy Too Many (1966) (18516) 4.00 The Karate Killers (1967) (6516) 6.00 The Neverending Story 3 (1994) (97239) 7.30 Neverending Story 3 (1994) (97239) 7.30 Behind the Scenes: A Time to Kill (3535)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Corn is Green (1979) (320245)
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SKY SOAP 7.00em Guiding Light (6118429) 7.55 As the World Turns (9622535) 8.50 Peyton Place (6328719) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (7364055) 10.10-11.00 Another World

Morning Europe



SKY TRAVEL 11.00am Boomerang (6803516) 11.30 Amenca's Great Outdoors (3419245) 12.30pm Bruce and Bob Eat America (7181784) 1.00 Getwey (4248210) 1.30 Great Escapes (7180055) 2.00 Trailside — (5896500) 2.30 Crursing the Globe (6628448) 3.00 Globetrotter (5788535) 3.30-4.00 Around the World in 30 THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography (6721968) 5.00 Modern Marvels (5779887) 6.00 The Life and Times of Land Mountbatten (7262603) 7.00-8.00 THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK 16

Editor to claim £1.4m after sale of Sunday Business

TOM RUBYTHON, the Editor of Sunday Business, the national newspaper that has been in administration since June, is poised to benefit financially from the recent sale of the paper to a Yorkshire businessman, while most unsecured creditors are to remain empty-

The details of any payout are to be

BRITISH GAS is in the final

stages of negotiating with two big oil companies a long

awaited deal aimed at reduc-

ing its exposure to £40 billion

of highly priced take-or-pay

gas contracts.
The breakthrough in talks

with the two multinationals,

believed to be Shell and BP.

could lead to agreement in several weeks. British Gas

expects the deal to be a

benchmark for similar agree-

ments with other gas suppli-

ers. Exxon is the third major

oil company involved, but its

gas interests are mainly in

The resolution of the take-

or-pay dilemma would be a

great relief to British Gas

shareholders, who have been

told that this and the running

battle with Ofgas, the regula-

joint ventures with Shell.

Green, the administrator of the four causing Sunday Business to shut down. But two days later it suddenly companies set up to run Sunday Business, has confirmed that unsecured creditors of the main company. Business Newspapers Publishing, will receive nothing.

Group 2000, a dumper truck company controlled by Gordon Brown, a Yorkshire businessman, has been supporting the newspaper since shortly after its launch in

revealed at a creditors' meeting Group 2000 said that it would tomorrow, but Royce Peeling pull the plug on September 4,

Deal near on

take-or-pay

gas contracts

BY CARL MORTISHED

tor, are the two main threats to

the company's survival. Brit-

ish Gas is thought to be

offering the oil companies part of its Morecambe Bay gasfield

as an incentive to reduce the

price of contracts struck in the

British Gas wants to reduce

its average price of gas - now

about 21p a therm - to about

15-16p a therm, the approxi-

mate level at which long-term

contracts are now being nego-

ish Gas Energy, the company

that will take over distribution

when British Gas is

demerged, will be unable to

compete effectively when the

domestic market is opened to

competition. Spot gas prices

are now at 9-10p a therm.

Without cheaper gas, Brit-

bought the paper for an undisclosed sum, believed to be in the region of E400,000. Creditors were told of the sale in a

letter on Thursday. But The Times has discovered that the creditors' letter is misleading. The letter says that Group 2000 purchased assets from two com-

panies in administration, Business Newspapers (Holdings) and Business Newspapers (UK). However,

Green, said this was incorrect because Business Newspapers (UK) had nothing to do with the transaction, the seller being Business & Fortune Newspapers.

The largest creditor of Business & Fortune Newspapers is Mr Rubython, claiming £1.4 million. Two other main creditors are Business Age Inc. a US company controlled by Mr Rubython, claim-ing £306,000; and BF Business Publishing, where Mr Rubython is the only director, which says it is owed £27,000.

A substantial portion of the sale price of Sunday Business is now likely to end up with Mr Rubython. The debt he is claiming relates to his pre-launch investment in Sun-

day Business. However, in the prospectus issued by Sunday Business in March in an attempt to attract investors, it says: "The founders [Mr Rubython and his colleague Anil Bhoyrul] have invested £1.5 million in the newspaper." At

no point is this investment described as a loan.

Most of the other unsecured creditors are owed money by Business Newspapers Publishing, the company said in the paper itself to own Sunday Business.

Mr Beezley said that the assets of Business Newspapers Publishing are £800,000 of advertising income owed to the paper. However, this would be more than eaten up by a mortgage charge of £1.28 million granted to Group 2000.

Drop in shoe sales forecast for Sears

By Jason Nisse

SEARS, the retailing group hit by losses stemming from its relationship with the collapsed empire of Stephen Hinchliffe. the Sheffield businessman, is suffering a worrying fall in sales in its shoe shops, retail sources believe.

The bad news is not expected to emerge in the company's half-year results announced tomorrow. These are expected to show a profit in spite of a E25 million provision taken by Sears when it appointed administrators to the businesses that it sold to Mr Hinchliffe, causing the collapse of his Facia empire. Facia is now being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office.

British Shoe Corporation, the Sears footwear business, has only four brand names: Shoe City, Shoe Express, Dolcis and Cable, having sold a portfolio of other brands to Mr Hinchliffe

BSC has converted more than 300 of its remaining outlets to the Shoe Express format, which it initially described as a success. However industry sources have said that this year they are suffering a fall in sales of over 10 per cent on a like-for-like basis. Dolcis is also believed to be suffering.

Sears, owner of Selfridges, denies inat there are an problems with Shoe Express and Dolcis. However the group is expected to reveal that it is suffering reduced sales in two of its other main operations: Freemans, the home shopping operation, and Adams, the children's wear operation.

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Exchange speeds up the news

The London Stock Exchange is today introducing a new. electronic news service which will allow companies to make their official announcements directly to the markets rather than sending hard copies or faxes to the exchange first.

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available to all UK and overseas listed companies as well as AIM companies. Christine Dann, the Exchange's director of business operations, said: "With up to 3,000 announcements being received each week the use of the DIP (direct input provider) service will enable companies to send us their announcements quickly and securely."

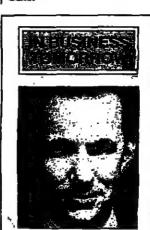
BTR denial

Sources close to BTR were playing down a weekend report that Ian Strachan, chief executive for a year, is planning a mass purge of non-executive directors from the previous management.

BTR last week announced a cut in the interim dividend and a disposal programme for businesses with sales totalling £2.3 billion. The City expects further disposals from Mr Strachan's "new broom"

Lloyd's deal

Lloyd's of London has reached agreement with the state of Illinois that resolves all claims and disputes resulting from the participation of Illinois names in the Lloyd's insurance market. More than three quarters of the total US names have accepted the \$5 billion Lloyd's settlement



Stock markets around the world are sitting at all-time highs. ANATOLE KALETSKY wonders wity.

negotiate about El billion worth of contracted gas, a value that could equate to a third of the £3 billion-plus A stake in the Morecambe Bay field is more likely to appeal to Shell and BP than a cash payment to reduce the price of the contracts. Both have ample funds, but would be interested in securing access to large gas reserves to supply the UK domestic market and the continental gas market. At present, gas prices are higher across the Channel and exports will be viable when an interconnector to Belgium starts operation by However, negotiations will be complicated by the existence of an internal take-orpay contract between British Gas's exploration arm and British Gas Supply. Nick Antill, of BZW, the brokers, says Shell and BP might be

MG braced for purge

of Morgan Grenfell Asset purge of senior staff who is trawling tin Waller writes).

DEUTSCHE BANK, owner accept that there will be a



A worrying trend for Sears at Shoe Express, but increased profits are still expected.

Delay feared in **Telekom float**

German phone group due to be privatised in November, may be heading for a delay in its £9 billion flotation.

Morecambe Bay assets.

the end of the century.

may take longer than expected to turn itself into a listed

still valid, and discussions about regulation were continuing. The timetable is always under review, but discussions don't automatically mean there is a delay," he said. "These are rumours flying around the

Deutsche will publish halfyear results tomorrow and report on its progress towards flotation. Analysts are expected to question Deutsche on the timetable, which currently envisages trading in the shares company predictions three months ago, after tariff changes to make telephone calls cheaper in Germany and the introduction of VAT.

British small investors can benefit from discount arrangements designed to attract German investors to the flotation. UK investors are formally barred from benefiting from

the incentives, under which Germans will be able to buy shares at a discount of between 1 and 5 per cent, and have priority in share allocation if the issue is oversubscribed, as well as receiving, in three years' time, an eleventh share for every ten still held. However, UK investors can

become eligible for these benefits, even without a German passport or a German address, by having a bank account with one of Germany's 35 main commercial banks, through opening one either in Germany or with a subsidiary in Britain, depending on the bank's structure.

By MARTIN WALLER MATTHEW CLARK, the

with dire warnings about the impact on the business of "alcopops", or alcoholic soft drinks targeted at young drinkers, is starting a crucial week of talks with institutional shareholders. Some City sources have been calling for the head of Peter Aikens, the chief execu-

tive, and other key executives, claiming the extent of the problem had been concealed from them until last week's shock at the company's annual meeting Clark said on Tuesday that

BY OLIVER AUGUST likely to be 10 per cent lower than last year, according to

Dealers fear that Deutsche

company. An insider close to the deal in London said that a delay in the flotation, the largest this year and one of the largest ever, over regulatory issues is "a strong possibility".

A Deutsche spokesman said that the original timetable was

markets.

First-half profit figures are

Matthew Clark talks to City

drinks distributor that startled the stock market last week

alcopops had hit its prime cider brands such as Diamond White and "K", which compete for young drinkers. City institutions have

claimed that until recently the company had been talking down the threat from

alcopops. The news of falling cider sales virtually halved Clark's stock market value last week, but analysts failed to see JOR Hard Side Said المعادر المعاد المعادر المعاد

Hope of buyback changes

By OLIVER AUGUST

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, has become embroiled in a row over share buybacks by large companies, giving campaigners fresh hope a change of rules will be included in this year's Budget. Mr Clarke has written to

several MPs and signalled his sympathy with their complaints about the ill-treatment of charities. The MPs had highlighted peculiarities in the tax system that allow large corporations and institutional

investors to profit from buybacks but not small funds such as charities. "Gross funds" are excluded from buyback benefits because

most large companies that purchase their own shares deal only with large investors rather than making a tender offer to all shareholders, including charities. Mr Clarke said in his letter that in such cases "a tender offer may provide the greatest

possible equality of opportu-

nity for all shareholders". Leading the drive for a rule change is Alan Diamond, a stockbroker who runs his own charitable fund. He expressed high hopes for an announcement on buybacks in the

In his letter the Chancellor says: "The provisions in the listing rules ensure a realistic level of equality of treatment for shareholders without imposing an undne burden on

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